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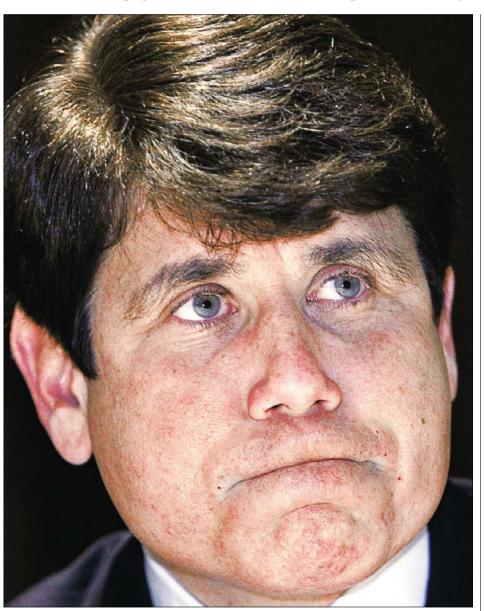
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'A Truly New Low'

Ill. Gov. Blagojevich arrested, charged with trying to sell Senate seat



Illinois Gov. Rod Blagojevich was arrested on corruption charges on Tuesday after wiretaps showed he was planning to sell President-elect Barack Obama's Senate seat. Obama is not accused of wrongdoing.

CHICAGO | Illinois Gov. Rod Blagojevich was roused from bed and arrested Tuesday after prosecutors said he was caught on wiretaps audaciously scheming to sell Barack Obama's vacant Senate seat for cash or a plum job for himself in the new administration.

"I've got this thing and it's [expletive]

golden," the 51-yearold Democrat said of his authority to appoint Obama's replacement, "and I'm just not giving it up for [expletive] nothing. I'm not gonna do it."

FBI agents arrested the governor before daybreak at his Chicago home and took him away while his family was still asleep, saying



Lincoln roll over in his grave." - PATRICK FITZGERALD

the wiretaps convinced them that Blagojevich's "political corruption crime spree" had to be stopped before it was too late.

"This is a sad day for government," U.S. Attorney Patrick J. Fitzgerald told a news conference in explaining the charges. "Governor Blagojevich has taken us to a truly new low."

The FBI said in court papers that the governor was overheard conspiring to sell the Senate seat for campaign cash or lucrative jobs for himself or his wife. He spoke of using the Senate appointment to land a job with a nonprofit foundation or a union-affiliated group, and even held out hope of getting appointed as Obama's secretary of health and human services or an ambassador. (AP)

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DO YOU THINK NBC MADE A SMART DECISION BY MOVING JAY LENO TO PRIME-TIME? O YES 3 NO





THURSDAY



FRIDAY



DONATIONS

The Power of Prayer

A Texas minister's wish for \$1 million to pay for a new church came true—and then some. The Rev. Thomas McDaniels of LifeBridge Christian Center said a businessman, who chooses to remain anonymous, wrote him a \$1.5 million check. McDaniels described how in January 2007 he took a bank deposit slip and opti-

mistically wrote "\$1 million," hoping someday the money would appear. The minister, who prayed over the deposit slip, said this month a business owner asked how much was needed to pay for the church. McDaniels said \$1.4 million. The benefactor's check included an extra \$100,000. (AP)

ANIMALS

Inanimate Souvenirs Aren't as Adorable

A Spokane, Wash., woman and her mother have been convicted of sneaking a rhesus monkey into the United States from Thailand. Gypsy Lawson, 29, hid the sedated young rhesus macaque under her blouse, pretending to be pregnant when she successfully passed through U.S. Customs in Los Angeles after a trip to Bangkok. Her mother, Fran Ogren, 55, also went on the trip in November 2007. The two were found guilty of conspiracy and smuggling. The monkey is now at a primate rescue facility in Oregon. (AP)



DRESS-UP

Call Him Beowulf

Angels is Europe's largest purveyor of costumes for plays, movies and television. Last weekend, it opened its London warehouse to the public for the first time, allowing the riffraff to riffle through the mountains of vintage clothing they've been stockpiling since they opened 160 years ago. More than 30,000 items were available, including this stylish helmet, which this gentleman will likely wear down to the pub every single day until his girlfriend wisely hides it. (EXPRESS)

DISCOVERIES

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Purdue University is auctioning the naming rights to seven newly discovered bats and two turtles. Win-

ning bidders will be able to link the Latinized name of their choosing to an animal's scientific name for the ages. The first auction began Monday, when the school put up for grabs the naming rights to a tiny gold and black insect-munching bat found in Central America. The winning bidder will be announced just before Christmas, said John Bickham, a Purdue professor who discovered or co-discovered the nine species. (AP)

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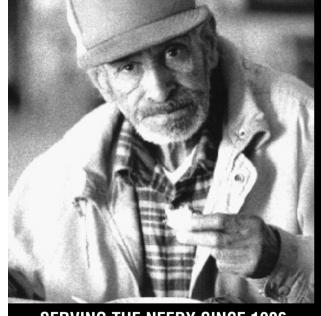
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'RHI' MEANS 'NO': A man has been cited in San Francisco for allegedly scaling a fence and entering a black rhino enclosure at the city's zoo. Neither the man nor any animals were hurt in the incident, but zoo officials say the man was lucky the rhino did not charge after him.

Nation

Obama: No Talks With Blagojevich

President-elect faces first major controversy since winning election

WASHINGTON | Though Barack Obama isn't accused of anything, the charges against his home-state governor — concerning Obama's own Senate seat no less — are an unwelcome distraction. And the ultimate fallout is unclear.

As Obama works to set up his administration and deal with an



Obama

economic crisis, suddenly he also is spending time trying to distance himself from Illinois Gov. Rod Blagojevich.

The presidentelect was blunt in

addressing the case on Tuesday: "I had no contact with the governor or his office, and so I was not aware of what was happening."

It's Obama's first big headache since his election last month, and Republicans were anything but eager to let it go away.

Robert "Mike" Duncan, chairman of the Republican National Committee, said: "Americans expect strong leadership, but President-elect Barack Obama's comments on the matter are insufficient at best." LIZ SIDOTI (AP)

III. Governor Knew of Investigations

Blagojevich had faced a cloud of suspicion on ethics for 3 years

CHICAGO | No governor in the nation had more reason to watch his back than Rod Blagojevich.

Illinois' chief executive had known for at least three years he was under federal investigation for alleged hiring fraud, and that a campaign fundraiser caught by prosecutors was talking. But authorities say that when a coveted political prize fell in his lap, the Democrat could not resist the urge to brazenly exploit it with an eye on reviving his moribund career.

Trusted with the job of appointing President-elect Barack Obama's successor in the U.S. Senate, the governor conspired to sell or trade the office to the highest bidder, federal prosecutors allege.



Illinois Gov. Rod Blagojevich was arrested Tuesday on charges he brazenly conspired to sell or trade President-elect Barack Obama's vacant Senate seat.

That wasn't all: Prosecutors say he also doled out jobs, contracts and appointments in return for campaign contributions, and tried to strong-arm a newspaper owner into firing editorial writers who had criticized him.

"We were in the middle of a corruption crime spree, and we wanted to stop it," U.S. Attorney Patrick

Fitzgerald said Tuesday.

Obama was not involved, according to prosecutors and to Blagojevich himself, whom they overheard complaining that Obama's people are "not going to give me anything except appreciation."

"(Expletive) them," he added.

Federal investigators had bugged the governor's campaign offices and tapped his home phone, capturing conversations laced with profanity and tough-guy talk. According to court papers, the governor tried to make it known through emissaries that the seat could be had for the right price. Blagojevich allegedly had a salary in mind — \$250,000 to \$300,000 a year.

Blagojevich was charged with conspiracy to commit fraud, which carries a maximum penalty of 20 years in prison, and solicitation to commit bribery, which is punishable by up 10 years. MIKE ROBINSON (AP)

III. May Hold Special Senate Election

State lawmakers don't want governor to pick Obama's replacement

SPRINGFIELD, ILL. | Hoping to thwart the possibility of an indicted governor picking the next U.S. senator, top Illinois lawmakers said Tuesday they are prepared to call the legislature into session as early as next week to set a special election.

IF HE APPOINTS

The Senate could refuse to seat a lawmaker chosen by Blagojevich. The last appointed person to be refused a seat came from Alabama in 1913, when the Senate concluded the state had not given the governor the power to fill the spot, said Senate associate historian Don Ritchie. (AP)

House Speaker Michael Madigan, D-Chicago, said he is prepared to convene the House on Monday to vote on a special election that would choose the successor to President-elect Barack Obama. Sen. Richard Durbin, D-Ill., urged the state to settle on a special election that could withstand a Blagojevich veto.

"No appointment by this governor, under these circumstances, could produce a credible replacement," Durbin said.

Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., made similar remarks, and called for a process to fill the vacancy that does not involve Blagojevich. The charges against the governor, Reid said, "are appalling and represent as serious a breach of the public trust as I have ever heard."

Rep. Jan Schakowsky, D-Ill., said the legislature should begin impeachment proceedings if Blagojevich does not resign. CHRISTOPHER WILLS (AP)









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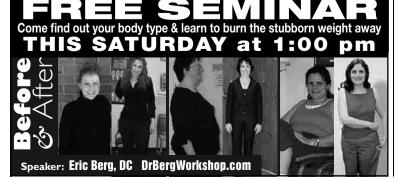
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The total amount, in billions of dollars, the Treasury Department supplied to 35 banks Friday in a third round of payments from the \$700 billion financial bailout program.

Cancer Nearly No. 1 Killer

Report: the disease will be the world's top cause of death by 2010

ATLANTA | Cancer will overtake heart disease as the world's top killer by 2010, part of a trend that should more than double global cancer cases and deaths by 2030, international health experts said in a report released Tuesday.

Rising tobacco use in developing countries is believed to be a huge reason for the shift, particularly in China and India, where 40 percent of the world's smokers now live. So is better diagnosing of cancer, along with the downward trend in infectious diseases that used to be

the world's leading killers.

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The number of people, in millions, the World Health Organization estimates will have cancer by 2030.

ed to reach 7 million, according to the new report by the World Health Organization.

An annual rise of 1 percent in cases and deaths is expected — with even larger increases in China,

Russia and India. That means new cancer cases will likely mushroom to 27 million annually by 2030, with deaths hitting 17 million.

Underlying all this is an expected expansion of the world's population — there will be more people around to get the disease. By 2030, there could be 75 million people living with cancer around the world, a number that many health care systems are not equipped to handle.

"This is going to present an amazing problem at every level in every society worldwide," said Peter Boyle, director of the WHO's International Agency for Research on Cancer. MIKE STOBBE (AP)



Marine Corps firefighters search the crash scene of an fighter jet Tuesday in San Diego. The jet crashed into the street Monday.

Source: Fighter Jet's Engines Failed

Investigators search for 15-month-old child in wreckage of house

SAN DIEGO | Both engines of a military jet fighter failed before the aircraft crashed and burned in a residential area, killing three people on the ground as it destroyed two houses, a congressional aide said Tuesday.

Investigators resumed the search for a missing child, believed to be 15 months old, in the wreckage of one house. Neighbors were in shock at the tragedy that befell the South Korean child's family Monday, hours after the father kissed his wife and baby goodbye in the driveway.

The twin-engine F/A-18D Hornet went down about two miles from Marine Corps Air Station Miramar. No official initial finding of the cause of the crash was given, but a congressional aide briefed on the crash said the pilot had been attempting to land at Miramar after his right engine malfunctioned.

While the pilot was on final

approach to the runway the aircraft also lost thrust from its left engine, and the pilot ejected, the aide said Tuesday.

Three people — a mother, her baby and a grandmother — were killed in one house and officials said a fourth person was in the house and had not been found.

Resident Choko McConnell, 85, said she often saw the grandmother pushing a child in a stroller.

"I cried all night," McConnell said. "A family perished, a young family." ELLIOT SPAGAT (AP)

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SEX APPEAL: Idaho Sen. Larry Craig has lost his latest attempt to withdraw his guilty plea in the Minneapolis airport men's room sex sting. A three-judge panel of the Minnesota Court of Appeals on Tuesday rejected the Republican's bid to toss out his disorderly conduct conviction.

Sit-In Scores Loan for Workers' Pay

Creditor offers funds to help closed business resolve factory protest

CHICAGO | The creditor of a Chicago plant where laid-off employees are conducting a sit-in to demand severance pay said Tuesday it would extend limited loans to the factory so it could resolve the dispute, but the workers declared their protest unfinished.

The Republic Windows and Doors factory closed last week after Bank of America canceled its financing. About 200 laid-off workers responded by staging a sit-in at the plant, vowing to stay until getting assurances they would receive severance and accrued vacation pay.

Their action garnered national



 $\label{thm:continuous} United \ Electrical \ Union \ Workers \ Local \ President \ Armando \ Robles \ speaks \ Monday \ in \ Chicago \ about \ negotiations \ between \ Bank \ of \ America \ and \ Republic \ Windows \ .$

attention, seen by some as a symbol of defiance for workers laid off nationwide.

The bank appeared to side at least in part with disgruntled workers, expressing concern in a statement Tuesday "about Republic's failure to pay their employees the Employee Claims to which they are legally entitled."

Leah Fried, a spokeswoman for the union representing the workers, said Tuesday that it was too soon to know whether the sit-in will be called off. She said that workers would have to vote to end the action but that negotiations among the bank, the company and union representative continued.

Workers, who received just three days' notice before the plant shut down on Friday, argue that the company violated federal law because employees were not given 60 days' notice that they were losing their jobs.

The company did not return messages seeking comment Tuesday. MICHAEL TARM (AP)

Former Simpson Co-Defendants Given Probation

LAS VEGAS | Four former O.J. Simpson co-defendants who took plea deals and testified against the former football star were sentenced to probation Tuesday for their roles in the gunpoint robbery of two sports memorabilia dealers.

Clark County District Court Judge Jackie Glass accepted a state recommendation that they serve no prison time. Instead she imposed probation terms ranging from three to eight years on Michael McClinton, Walter Alexander, Charles Ehrlich and Charles Cashmore.

"I think one of you expressed ... that if Mr. Simpson wanted something done and wanted you to do something, he asked and you did it," the judge said. "How stupid. ... You're all convicted felons now." (AP)

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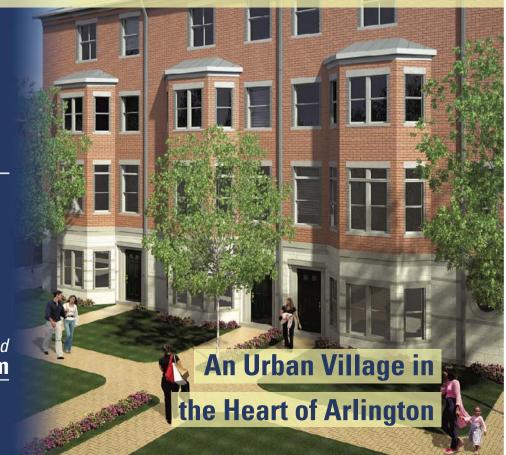
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The price, in dollars, of lottery tickets in a drawing to win a 400-square-meter house on the banks of Austria's Lake Woerthersee. The homeowners, who made a total of 9,999 tickets available online, had failed to find a buyer in person, Agence France-Presse reported.

World

Police ID Mumbai Attack Suspects

New details support India's claim that raid had origins in Pakistan

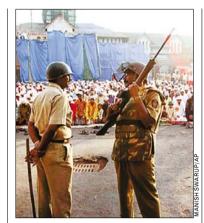
MUMBAI, INDIA | Police released names and photographs of suspected Islamic militants who staged the bloody three-day siege of Mumbai and said they uncovered new details about the gunmen — including hometowns in Pakistan.

The new information, if confirmed, would bolster India's claim that the attack was launched from Pakistan and was released as the

Pakistani government announced more arrests in raids on Lashkare-Taiba, the militant group that India blames for the assault on its financial capital.

Indian officials maintained a skeptical silence about the reported crackdown and arrest of an alleged mastermind of the Mumbai assault, which killed 171 people, raised fears of war between the nuclear-armed neighbors and eroded U.S. hopes for a regional push against al-Qaeda and other extremists.

Mumbai's chief police investigator, Rakesh Maria, showed pho-



Police stand guard as Muslims offer Eid al-Adha prayers in Mumbai, India.

tographs of eight of the nine slain attackers — some from identity cards, but three were gruesome pictures of maimed faces. The body of the ninth was too badly burned, he said. The 10th gunman, previously identified as Mohammed Ajmal Kasab, was captured alive.

Maria said all 10 attackers were from Pakistan, most of them from Punjab province, and were between the ages of 20 and 28. He did not say how police had tracked down their hometowns, although police have been interrogating the lone surviving gunman. MUNEEZA NAQVI (AP)



Russian Prime Minister Vladimir Putin pays his respects to Patriarch Alexy II.

Russians Pay Final Tribute To Orthodox Church Leader

In a somber service that echoed with ancient chants, Russia paid final tribute Tuesday to Patriarch Alexy II, who rebuilt the dominant Orthodox Church after 70 years of Communist repression. Alexy died Friday at age 79. The patriarch's funeral followed nearly three days of around-the-clock viewing of his body. An estimated 80,000 people filed past his coffin to pay their last respects. (AP)

DUBLIN, IRELAND

Irish Officials Confirm Chemical Was Found in Beef

Irish officials confirmed Tuesday

that cattle at three farms have tested positive for dioxin — the cancer-causing chemical that has contaminated its pork industry — but insisted the country's beef posed no real risk to health. Agriculture Minister Brendan Smith said the government did not recall any Irish beef products because the level of dioxin found so far in cattle is much lower than that found in pork. (AP)

MEXICO CITY, MEXICO

Police Commander Killed In Drive-by Attack at Home

Assailants gunned down a Mexico City police commander outside his home in a drive-by shooting, officials said Tuesday. Investigator Victor Hugo Moneda was killed as he was getting out of his car Monday night, the Mexico City prosecutor's office said in a statement. The city's press office said no one has been arrested. Authorities declined to give more information. (AP)

Cruise Ship Alters Tour In Mideast

German company will evacuate passengers in Yemen to avoid pirates

BERLIN | A German cruise ship plans to evacuate passengers in Yemen and fly them to the next port of call Wednesday to avoid any possible encounters with pirates off the coast of lawless Somalia.

Several other cruise operators said Tuesday they were also altering or canceling tours that would have gone past Somalia, as nations around the world debated how to confront piracy in the Gulf of Aden.

The European Union said its anti-piracy mission would station armed guards on vulnerable cargo ships — the first such deployment of military personnel during international anti-piracy operations in the waterway — but that deployment would not cover cruise ships.

The M/S Columbus, on an around-the-world trip that began in Italy, will drop off its 246 passengers Wednesday at the Yemeni port of Hodeidah before sailing through the gulf, the Hapag-Lloyd cruise company said.

Passengers will fly to Dubai and rejoin the vessel in Oman's port of Salalah. PATRICK MCGROARTY (AP)



A man shouts at riot police in Athens, Greece, on Tuesday. Police fired tear gas at protesters during the fourth day of rioting.

Greeks Protest After Teen's Funeral Calls mount for PM to step down as violent

ATHENS | Greece faced its most extensive and violent riots in a quarter century Tuesday, as masked youths and looters marauded through cities for the fourth night in a rage sparked by a teenager's death in a police shooting.

riots continue in cities

The nightly scenes of burning street barricades, looted stores and overturned cars across the country has left Greece's increasingly unpopular conservative government reeling, with calls mounting for Prime Minister Costas Karamanlis to resign.

On Tuesday, police fired tear gas at protesters after the dead teenager, 15-year-old Alexandros Grigoropoulos, was buried in an Athens funeral attended by about 6,000 people. Riots began anew in several cities, while Greek television stations broadcast footage showing riot police using pistols to fire warning shots into the air.

Opposition Socialist leader George Papandreou called for early elections, charging that the conservatives are incapable of defending the public from rioters.

"The government cannot handle this crisis and has lost the trust of the Greek people," Papandreou said. "The best thing it can do is resign and let the people find a solution .. We will protect the public." NICHOLAS PAPHITIS AND ELENA BECATOROS (AP)

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World

Airport Protests A Growing Trend

Experts say political stunts at travel hubs could inspire terrorists

LONDON | Protesters stormed the tarmac at one of Britain's busiest airports, shut down two airports in Thailand and invaded a runway in Athens this year — and some experts see a worrisome pattern.

In the post 9/11 era, protests at sensitive international airports have become an effective way to rattle nerves and publicize causes.

Philip Baum, editor of Aviation Security International, said there was an "increasing trend for demonstrators to shut down airports."

Last month, a massive group of Thai anti-government protesters

invaded Bangkok's two main airports, leaving more than 300,000 travelers stranded and paralyzing the nation's tourism industry.

ed trespass for a protest on the tarmac of Britain's Stansted
Airport, police said Tuesday.

Stansted Airport, Stansted Airport, Stansted Airport,

northeast of London, cutting through its perimeter fence Monday and briefly knocking out Britain's third-busiest airport.

Terrorists have long seen airports as a prime target — underlined by the attempt to ram a blazing, fuel-



A Thai anti-government protester camps out at an airport last week.

laden car into a terminal at Scotland's Glasgow Airport last year.

More recently, climate change protesters have targeted the airline industry, which they claim contributes disproportionately to global warming.

Tim Johnson, director of the activist group Aviation Environment Federation, said it makes sense for climate protesters to target airports because they have been a big source of carbon emissions.

But he acknowledged that direct action like the one at Stansted might inspire copycat tactics from other groups with different agendas. "It certainly puts the idea into people's minds," he said. RAPHAEL SATTER (AP)

Media: China Critics Sent to Hospitals

BEIJING | Chinese provincial authorities lock up critics and complainants in mental hospitals, local media reported in a rare look at official abuse of China's health system.

According to an article in the Beijing News, Shandong provincial officials in the city of Xintai committed people who were seeking to attract the attention of authorities to their complaints over local corruption or land seizures.

Some were forced to take psy-

chiatric drugs and all were told they would not be released until they signed pledges to drop their complaints, the paper said.

The article appeared in the Beijing News on Monday and has been widely reproduced by other media. It also prompted a highly critical editorial Tuesday in the Englishlanguage China Daily, a newspaper targeted at foreigners.

The paper's claims were not immediately verified independently. (AP)

The number of people affected by the norovirus in Montgomery County, Md., according to health officials. The outbreaks have been reported at two nursing homes and a business luncheon. Official say that a group of residents also became ill after attending a wedding in Florida.

Local

Tech Tragedy Looms Over Hearing

Families and victims of shootings call Va.'s gun sale laws too lax

RICHMOND, VA. | One year after his sister was gunned down during the Virginia Tech massacre, 25-yearold Omar Samaha walked into a Richmond area gun show and was immediately greeted with offers from unlicensed gun dealer dealers hawking their wares.

Samaha, who graduated from Virginia Tech in 2006, approached

one of the dealers and asked to purchase an assault rifle. Within minutes, he said, the sale was complete.

"I wanted to see how easy it was, and it was by far one of the easiest things I have done," Samaha told the Virginia State Crime Commission today. "They never asked me my age. They never asked me if I had a criminal record or was a terrorist, nothing."

Samaha, whose sister, Reema, was killed in Norris Hall, and other relatives and victims of the Virginia Tech shootings came to Tuesday's hearing to renew their push for legislation that would require background checks for all gun-show sales.

Lily Habtu of Woodbridge, who was shot in the wrist and jaw during the rampage, told lawmakers how her family escaped the war-torn African nation of Eritrea in 1985. As she broke down in tears. Habtu said her parents would have never imagined that the first member of their family to go to college would then find herself the victim of the worst mass shooting in U.S. history.

"This tragedy would have never happened had he not had access to guns," Habtu said. "I still cannot fathom how this could happen here in America, of all places. ... This is not the freedom that my family had searched for. This is not the American dream."

Unlicensed gun vendors at gun shows in Virginia are not required to conduct background checks on purchasers. Gun-control advocates call it a legal loophole that could lead to another massacre. TIM CRAIG (THE WASHINGTON POST)

3 Found **Dead In** Va. Home

Fairfax police believe domestic dispute led to murder-suicide

An 81-year-old Vienna-area man shot and killed his wife and middle-aged son before turning the gun on himself, Fairfax County Police said Tuesday.

The shooter, Thomas K. Appleberry, killed his wife, Rachel, 81, and son, Thomas Jr., in an apparent domestic dispute, and police discovered their bodies Tuesday morning.

Police responded to the family's home in the 9600 block of Cinnamon Creek Drive after receiving a call at 9:22 a.m. from the shooter's daughter, who reported finding a dead body in the house.

"Preliminarily, it appears this is a family tragedy and that's how we're investigating it," police spokeswoman Lucy Caldwell said.

All three victims sustained gun shot wounds to the upper body, and autopsies are pending,

The slayings bring the county's homicide total to 20 so far this year, and follow a triple homicide last month in which three men were fatally stabbed in the Ravensworth Farm neighborhood. JONATHAN MUMMOLO (THE WASHINGTON POST)

Metro to Test New Cushion Designs

WASHINGTON | Metro is considering | new designs for its new 6000 series rail car seat cushions.

The transit agency will test five different designs over the next six months, considering such things as cost, appearance, ease of cleaning and durability. Metro is testing two types of fabric, aura and vigor. Aura comes in three different designs and colors: blue dots, red dots and blue squares. Vigor comes in two different designs and colors: seals with balls and gray with rainbows. (AP)

The Lotteries

Tuesday, Dec. 9

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MEMORABLE WALL: Army Undersecretary Nelson M. Ford, left, and Arlington National Cemetery Superintendent John C. Metzler view the Niche Wall Columbarium on Tuesday. The wall, which will hold the cremated remains of America's armed forces, was dedicated at a ceremony in Arlington, Va.







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Money



Former Freddie Mac CEO Richard Syron, left, and former Fannie Mae CEO Daniel Mudd, right, are questioned by lawmakers Tuesday about the mortgage meltdown.

Records: Lenders Ignored Warnings

Former executives from Fannie, Freddie grilled on Capitol Hill

WASHINGTON | Top executives at mortgage finance companies Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac ignored warnings that they were taking on too many risky loans years before the housing market plunged, according to documents released Tuesday by a House committee.

E-mails and other internal documents released by the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee show that former Fannie Mae CEO Daniel Mudd and former Freddie Mac CEO Richard Syron disregarded recommendations that they stay away from riskier types of loans.

The two companies were seized in September by government regulators. Two months later, Freddie Mac asked for an injection of \$13.8 billion in government aid after posting a massive quarterly loss. Fannie Mae has yet to request any government aid but has warned it may need to do so soon.

Rep. Carolyn Maloney, D.-N.Y., grilled Syron about the Freddie Mac's decision to fire David Andrukonis, its former chief risk officer. Andrukonis sounded warnings as far back as 2004 about the risks posed by loans in which borrowers didn't provide proof of their incomes or detail their assets, according to e-mails released by the committee.

"Do you regret firing him?" Maloney said. "Do you regret buying these risky loans?"

Syron said Andrukonis "was fired for a variety of reasons. It was not primarily for his having a view on credit."

Lawmakers were clearly frustrated by what they called a lack of willingness among Syron and Mudd, plus former Fannie Mae CEO Franklin Raines and former Freddie Mac CEO Leland Brendsel, to share any of the blame for the companies' fortunes.

"All four of you seem to be in complete denial that Freddie and Fannie are in any way responsible for this," said Rep. Darrell Issa, R-Calif. ALAN ZIBEL (AP)



IN DEFENSE: The NFL Players Association filed a grievance on Tuesday challenging the suspension and fine given to Plaxico Burress by the New York Giants after the star receiver accidentally shot himself 10 days ago, claiming the team violated the collective bargaining agreement.

Sports



Francisco 'K-Rod' Rodriguez and the New York Mets agreed to a \$37M deal.

Mets Find Relief With Rodriguez

All-star closer agrees to 3-year, \$37M deal to play in New York

BASEBALL | Francisco Rodriguez became the first top-tier free agent to reach an agreement when he decided to join the New York Mets, and Kerry Wood was on the verge of striking a deal with the Cleveland Indians at the winter meetings.

Coming off a record 62 saves for the Los Angeles Angels, Rodriguez reached a preliminary agreement Tuesday on a \$37 million, three-year contract with the Mets, desperate for bullpen help. The sides still have to work out a written agreement and the pitcher must pass a physical. "He's pretty special," said Los Angeles Dodgers manager Joe Torre, familiar with K-Rod from his days managing the New York Yankees.

Cleveland was closing in on a two-year contract with Wood, the former Chicago Cubs starterturned-reliever. Wood, who has had numerous injury problems in the past, also needs to pass a physical before the deal can be completed.

In the second trade of the fourday session, the Cincinnati Reds acquired catcher Ramon Hernandez and cash from the Baltimore Orioles for utilityman Ryan Freel and two minor leaguers. RONALD BLUM (AP)

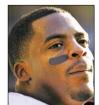
Portis Slams Zorn After Benching

Still fuming after loss, star running back rips coach on radio show

REDSKINS | A day after Redskins Coach Jim Zorn said Clinton Portis' lack of practice contributed to his being benched during Sunday's 24-10 loss to the Baltimore Ravens, the running back fired back, pointedly criticizing the coach's communication and decision-making.

In his weekly radio appearance on ESPN 980's John Thompson Show, Portis dismissed as "B.S." Zorn's suggestion that missing practice had hurt his execution of assignments. He said he was at every meeting and every practice last week, noted that teammates had played on Sunday after missing practice the week before, wondered whether Zorn was watching different game film and guaranteed that he knows the Redskins' playbook better than any player besides the team's quarterbacks.

"When have I missed a meeting?" Portis asked rhetorically. "Let me start missing meetings. Let me not come out [to] practice, let me sit my ass in the training room if I don't know what's going on. ... If



sideline."



my coaches don't feel like I can get it done, put me on the sidelines. You feel like I can help this team, put me on the field, and that's all I've got to say about it. I don't have to confront them. They know what they've got. They know what's standing on the

Zorn said he understood why the star running back felt like he had been benched and repeated his earlier explanation that backup Ladell Betts was more precisely releasing from pass protection into route running.

Portis "was getting out on routes, but it wasn't exact and quick," Zorn said. "I thought, 'OK, here's an opportunity for us to get Ladell in, who has practiced, and he knows it.' I think [Portis is] a confident player, and he would believe that he could do it without reps. I just made the decision not to give him that chance."



 $Bengals\ quarterback\ Ryan\ Fitzpatrick\ fumbles\ the\ ball.\ With\ Carson\ Palmer\ injured, the\ Bengals\ have\ fallen\ to\ 1-11-1\ this\ year.$

In Cincinnati, the Bungles Are Back

Offseason speculation overshadows last days of team's dismal year

NFL | They are back to being the same old stumbling and bumbling Cincinnati Bengals. The respectability to which Marvin Lewis and Carson Palmer elevated them just a few years ago is a quickly fading memory.

Now the questions are: Will



Bengals fans take a page from Detroit fans' book. A 1-11-1 record explains why.

Lewis hang around as their coach beyond this season to try to get things fixed again? And will Palmer be healthy enough to assist him as the team's quarterback?

The answers probably won't be known with any certainty until after the Bengals finish playing a dreary season that next includes a meeting with the Washington Redskins on Sunday at Paul Brown Stadium.

The Bengals take a record of 1-11-1 into the game, and there's little reason to believe things will be any different for them in the coming weeks. But what matters most for the franchise is what happens when the season ends. Any NFL team revolves around its head coach and its quarterback, and the Bengals have huge questions about both.

Several people within the league said in recent weeks they believe owner Mike Brown is unlikely to fire Lewis and pay him the remainder of a contract that runs through the 2010 season. But some also speculate privately that Brown and Lewis could agree to part ways after the season over team operational issues. Lewis fueled that when he said in a story published recently on the NFL's Web site, "It's not a shock to say that we have to make some changes for the future for me to remain here."

The former Redskins defensive coordinator didn't respond to a message seeking further comment for this story. When he was asked during a news conference last week about the roster and assistant coaching evaluations he must make after the season, he refused to answer.

"I'm not going to get into any of that," Lewis said. "Obviously, at the end of any season, I think all the things you asked always happen."

MARK MASKE (THE WASHINGTON POST)

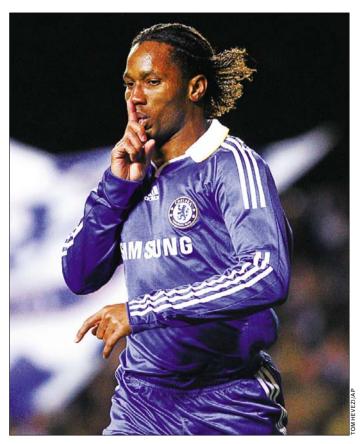


Sports



SECOND TO ONE: The Washington Mystics landed the second overall pick in the WNBA Draft Lottery. It will be the second time in franchise history that the Mystics will have the second pick. In addition, the Mystics will have the ninth pick in the first round.

SOCCER | CHELSEA SILENCES CLUJAT



DON'T SPEAK: Chelsea's Didier Drogba celebrates his goal during their Champions League match against CFR Clujat at the Stamford Bridge Stadium in London on Tuesday. Chelsea won the game 2-1 on Drogba's goal.

NFL to Make Major Cuts

Recession forces even wealthiest of sports leagues to slash its staff

NFL | The recession has hit the NFL. The league said Tuesday it is cutting more than 10 percent of its headquarters staff in response to the downturn in the nation's economy

Commissioner Roger Goodell announced the cuts in a memo to league employees. The NFL is eliminating about 150 of its staff of 1,100 in New York, NFL Films in New Jersey and television and Internet production facilities in Los Angeles.

These are difficult and painful steps," Goodell wrote in the memo. "But they are necessary in the current economic environment. I would like to be able to report that we are immune to the troubles around us, but we are not. Properly managed, I am confident the NFL will emerge stronger, more efficient and poised to pursue long-term growth opportunities."

The NFL has been symbolic of the wealth surrounding professional sports — its players will be paid \$4.5 billion this year — but it now joins the NBA, NASCAR and the company that runs Major League Baseball's Internet division in announcing lavoffs. DAVE GOLDBERG (AP)

Ballesteros Released From Hospital

GOLF | Spanish golf great Seve Ballesteros thanked doctors and staff for giving him the chance to play the "mulligan of my life" on Tuesday when he was released from the hospital more than two months after brain surgery to remove a malignant tumor.

The 51-year-old Spaniard left the hospital Tuesday morning but will continue to be treated as an outpatient, Madrid's La Paz hospital said in a statement.

Ballesteros thanked not only the



that had performed the operations, but also the staff and all of those that had showed support since he was hospitalized in the Spanish capital 66 days ago. (AP)

neurosurgeons

CAPITALS (7 P.M. ON CSN) The Caps return home to face the Boston Bruins.

TODAY'S TV LINEUP

NBA (8 P.M. AND IO:30 P.M. ON ESPN) The Cavaliers take on the 76ers, followed by the Suns vs. the Lakers

MEN'S COLLEGE HOOPS (8 P.M. ON ESPN2) Indiana hostsTCU

SOCCER (2:30 P.M. ON ESPN2 AND 5 P.M. ON ESPN CLASSIC) Manchester United plays Aalborg, and Real Madrid faces FC Senit St. Petersburg.



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Sports



Texas quarterback Colt McCoy has completed 77.6 percent of his passed this season, on pace to set an NCAA record.

The King of the Comeback

In Longhorns' biggest games, McCoy was at his best this season

COLLEGE FOOTBALL | There was a time Colt McCoy's voice cracked in the Texas huddle. Today, he commands it with a hard look or a stern word if needed.

The self-described "stick figure" weighed 185 pounds soaking wet just a few years ago, when his body would break down and get tired over the course of a season. That was before he added nearly 30 pounds of muscle.

The Texas quarterback also used to live and play in the shadow of Vince Young, the Texas superstar who led the Longhorns to the 2005 national championship.

That was before McCoy led Texas to the No. 1 ranking and at least had the Longhorns included in the hot debate over who should play for the

title this season.

Along the way, McCoy passed Young in career victories, and just like Young in 2005, is among the favorites to win the Heisman Trophy.

"He's been the heart of our offense," Texas coach Mack Brown said. "He means to this team what Vince Young meant to the one in 2005."

McCoy was at his best in Texas' toughest games. Against No. 1

Oklahoma, he rallied Texas in the second half to a 45-35 win to get the better of Sooners quarterback Sam Bradford, another top Heisman contender.

A week later against then-No. 11 Missouri, he completed all but three of his 32 passes with two touchdowns and ran for two more. A week later against No. 6 Oklahoma State, he had a season-high 391 yards passing and two scores.

COLT'S CASE

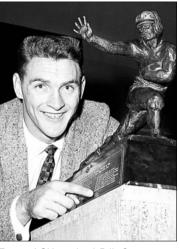
Quarterback Colt McCoy's regular season ranks among the best in school history:

- → With 576 rushing yards, he leads the Longhorns by 200 yards and is second on the team with 10 rushing TDs.
- → His 3,445 yards passing and 32 touchdowns are school records.
- → McCoy's 77.6 percent completion rate will smash the NCAA record if he maintains it against Ohio State in the Fiesta Bowl.

Even in Texas' only loss, McCoy's two TD passes rallied the Longhorns from a 19-point deficit to take the lead with 89 seconds left before Texas Tech won on a touchdown pass to Michael Crabtree with one second remaining.

Add it all up, and McCoy is 31-7 as a starter with nine career second-half comebacks.

And he has at least one more comeback in him, McCoy said this week he will return for his senior season in 2009. "I'm not going anywhere," he said. JIM VERTUNO (AP)



Former LSU star back Billy Cannon poses with the Heisman Trophy in 1959.

Cannon's Wild Ride To Honor

Ex-Heisman winner, convict wins election to college hall of fame

COLLEGE FOOTBALL | Billy Cannon has lived through the highest highs and lowest lows.

As an electrifying running back at LSU, he became an All-American, a Heisman Trophy winner and a national champion. He was smart enough to become a dentist and misguided enough to become a bankrupt convicted felon.

His newest title: member of the College Football Hall of Fame.

Twenty-two years after being released from prison and 11 since he was unemployed and broke, Cannon's life is in order and his greatest accomplishments are being celebrated.

"I don't look back, they might be gaining on me," Cannon said after a news conference with 12 other players and two coaches who were to be inducted in the Hall of Fame at the National Football Foundation awards banquet Tuesday night.

"I really am enjoying it for the moment. It's been a great ride."

Joining Cannon in this year's Hall of Fame class were, Troy Aikman and Thurman Thomas, two Super Bowl heroes and recent inductees into the Pro Football Hall.

Terrapins Warm Up to Bowl in Boise

UMd. aims to salvage its season following disappointing losses

TERPS FOOTBALL | Not too long ago, Maryland entertained hopes of playing in the Orange Bowl as champions of the Atlantic Coast Conference.

The Terrapins had just defeated then-No. 17 North Carolina, a comeback victory that fueled the possibility of spending the final week of the year sitting pool side in Miami before playing in a prominent BCS game.

Then came a 37-3 loss to Florida State and a 28-21 defeat at Boston College.

Forget the suntan lotion and bathing suits. Instead, the Terps (7-5) will be packing gloves, scarves and heavy coats for a trip to chilly Idaho, where they will face Nevada in the Humanitarian Bowl on Dec. 30. "It's definitely some kind of disappointment. But you have to sleep in the bed you made, deal with the consequences," center Edwin Williams said Tuesday. "At the same time, we're still going to a bowl game."

Playing in Idaho, or anywhere for that matter, beats packing up



Maryland's defeat to Boston College set up a trip to cold Boise on Dec. 30.

your equipment for good in November — especially for Williams and the other 29 seniors on Maryland's football team.

There's also the matter of playing Nevada (7-5), which is averaging 37.5 points and scored at least 31 in each of its last eight games. A victory would make this a successful season for the Terrapins, who are seeking their fifth eight-win season in the last eight years.

"Winning this game is very important, not only to our seniors but to our football program," coach Ralph Friedgen said. "Eight-and-five is a very commendable season, and winning a bowl game is a springboard to next year. It carries you through the whole winter." (AP)

Sports



CHANGE YOUR CLOCKS: The Panthers at Giants game on Dec. 21 has been moved to 8:15 p.m. as the Sunday night telecast on NBC, the NFL has announced. The Redskins-Eagles game that week has been moved to 4:15 as part of the NFL's flex scheduling.

Lions Coach Puts on a Brave Face

Marinelli tries to stay positive as his winless team nears historic low

NFL | Detroit Lions coach Rod Marinelli insists he still believes in his team despite their winless record.

"I believe in the invisible," Marinelli said Monday. "I think you go on and you have faith in what you do. If you don't have it, you're nothing. You're not a man."

At 0-1 or 0-13, Marinelli remarkably looks and sounds the same as his team marches toward NFL infamy.

Next up for the winless Lions is a visit Sunday to Indianapolis (9-4).

Marinelli's players say the way the third-year head coach handles himself in a composed and determined fashion mirrors how he is behind closed doors. "He looks you straight in the eye when he's talking because he wants to see your heart and spirit," said defensive tackle Chuck Darby, who played for Marinelli for five seasons in Tampa Bay. "He's a straight-up guy."

Marinelli deflects non-football questions such as how he spent a long weekend after the Thanksgiving game or how his experience in



Rod Marinelli is on the verge of coaching the first 0-16 team in NFL history.

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positive I can find on this ... team to get them better."

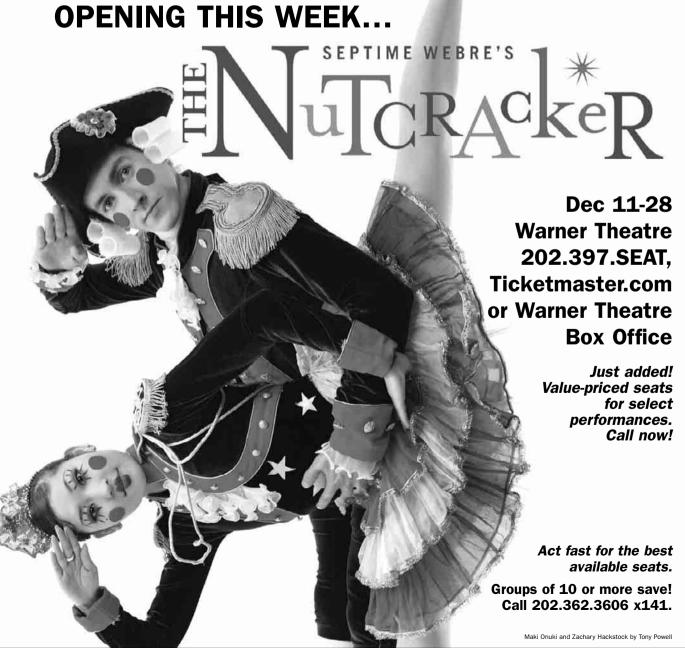
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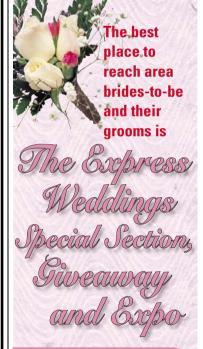
Vietnam shaped his life and coaching career.

Darby said he has met Marinelli's wife, but that is about the extent of the peek he's had into Marinelli's life away from the field. "He's real private," Darby said. Marinelli, though, has become the face and voice of a franchise that is picking up more national attention as it moves closer to becoming the NFL's first 0-16 team. He has looked beleaguered recently after games, but bounces back each Monday to answer tough questions about why the team is losing and why his sonin-law, Joe Barry, is still employed as defensive coordinator.

"If you just say, 'I give up, we're no good, we can't do this, oh woe is me', and look for pity, that's disgraceful to me," Marinelli said. "I look for every positive I can find on this football team to get them better. I can go all in the negative all day. But that's what everybody else does for me." LARRY LAGE (AP)

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—Lee lacocca, speaking Tuesday about Congress' desire to change leadership at the Big Three.



Cars

Heel-and-Toeing's End

Nissan 370Z's digital rev-matching renders old method obsolete

ERA OVER | The heel-and-toe downshift — whereby drivers "blip" the gas pedal with the blade of their right foot, revving the engine, while keeping pressure on the brake pedal with the ball of the same foot — is becoming a lost art, a performance-driving shibboleth known to few and practiced by fewer.

This tap dance allows drivers to match the engine's speed, the rpm, with the rotational speed of the lower gear selected; otherwise, when the clutch is let out, the engine braking effect causes the car to stumble and slow down. If a car is already just hanging on, at the limits of tire adhesion, a badly muffed downshift will take weight off the rear end and cause a spin. As phenomenally brilliant a driver as I am, even I have experienced this



The 2009 Nissan 370Z is the first car to have a computerized rev-matching system, to take the place of the lost art of "heel and toeing" a common practice in older days.

a few hundred times.

Once, all drivers understood heel-and-toe. Manual gearboxes were "unsynchronized" and so, if you didn't rev-match the gears, you'd grind them marvelously. You also had to "double clutch," but that's another story. Heel-and-toe was cultural currency and automotive literacy, the stuff of plot points on the old radio cop drama "Calling All Cars." It was to driving what a proper foxtrot was to the summer cotillion. Then, synchronized manual transmissions became common and automatic transmissions commoner still. Today, only about 15 percent of the license-holding public knows how to drive a manual-transmission car. I'd estimate that only 1 percent know their heel from their toe.

And now it's time to say the final misty and maudlin words over heel-and-toe. The 2009 Nissan 370Z is the first car to have a computerized rev-matching system — called, awfully enough, "SynchroRev Match" — in a conventional, H-pattern manual transmission. Gone now is the secret decoder ring of fast driving, the sacred handshake of the Clutch Brotherhood, the Esperanto of in-car footwork. "Sic transit gloria" heel-and-toe.

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headlamps and roped shoulders, the new Z looks like the old car and the Nissan GT-R have been slammed together in the Large Hadron Collider.

This is a righteous little sport tourer, nicely balanced and tighter than GM honcho Rick Wagoner's smile. And yet, in the long telescope of automotive history, the new Z car would be but a footnote—a capable and conscientious updating of a successful car—but for the rev-matching innovation.



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Personally, I'd hate to see either Volvo or Saab cut loose [by Ford or GM].

Warren, what's your take on the future of Saab and Volvo? Assuming the Big Three get the bailout, can they use any of it to keep the Swedish brands going, or will they be cut loose to preserve Ford and GM's U.S. brands?

They will be cut loose to preserve Ford and GM brands, which is what Alan Mullaly successfully has been doing at Ford for the last two years anyway. Personally, I'd hate to see either Volvo or Saab cut loose. Those companies make good cars. Here's hoping that Tata, Mahindra or some equally competent and interested manufacturer snaps them up.

I am considering buying a used Cadillac CTS from 2005. Do you like these cars? Are they reliable? And do you know if they require premium gas? Thanks! I really value your opinion.

My answer is "yes" on all of those questions.



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Travel

Route to Better Health

Cyclists and officials create a vast path for interstate bike travel

ACTIVITIES | At first glance, everything seems out of place on the map of a new interstate road system taking shape across the country.

Interstate 95 runs down the stunning sweep of the Pacific Coast, not the congested blandness of the Eastern Seaboard. Route 1 meanders along country roads, not strip malls. And you'll get your kicks on Route 76.

Mapmakers gone wild? Not quite. State officials and bicycle enthusiasts are stitching together more than 50,000 miles of pedalfriendly pavement to form a vast



Cyclists travel in the Bitterroot Valley, south of Missoula, Montana. State officials and bicycle enthusiasts are connecting more than 50,000 miles of trails for bikers.

66 It's a great

opportunity ... to establish what could be the largest bicycle route network in the world."

JIM SAYER, ADVENTURE CYCLING

network of bike routes connecting byways, cities and trails in a system like the one created for cars and trucks over half a century ago.

The American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials, working with the Adventure Cycling Association and other groups, recently approved a plan, four years in the making, that lays the foundation for the network. Now it's up to each state to create the routes and put up signs.

"It's a big turning point," said Jim Sayer, executive director of the Adventure Cycling group, an authority on transcontinental bike travel.

"We're coming down out of the clouds, having created the overall national plan, and getting to the nitty-gritty of creating interstate routes on the ground. It's a great opportunity for the U.S. to establish what could be the largest bicycle route network in the world."

Working from a bewildering tangle of existing roads, planners mapped a web of corridors where the national bicycle system should go. Each corridor on the map they approved is a broad swath 50 miles wide; the precise routes within each corridor are still to be designated. CALVIN WOODWARD (AP)



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High Rolling for Fewer Dollars

Las Vegas, known for excess, offers some inexpensive activities

ATTRACTIONS | Things are noticeably quieter on the Las Vegas Strip these days, and casinos usually known for boasting excess are dropping prices to cope with a bad economy that has hit Sin City particularly hard.

It might seem odd, since people generally think one thing when they come to Las Vegas: big money. But enough inexpensive fun exists here to fill a trip without stinging stakes. Some examples include \$45 rooms at the Monte Carlo, slow-paced poker games and free attractions from watching lions to watching a man-made volcano explode.

"It's the whimsy—it's just fantasy enough, said Jan Jones, senior vice president of communications and government relations for Harrah's Entertainment, Inc., and a former mayor of Las Vegas. "It doesn't take itself so seriously that you can't have fun while you're enjoying the entertainment,"

GAMBLING: OK, so gambling and being on a budget don't seem



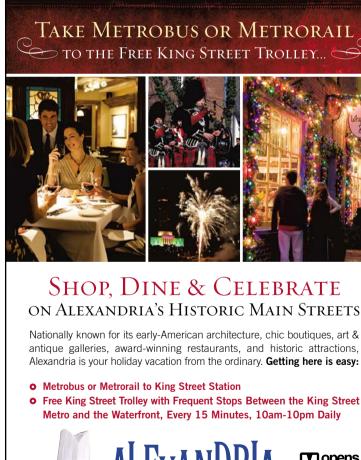
Tourists watch the fountains of the Bellagio hotel and casino in Las Vegas. Visitors can gather around the fountains for free — an entertaining way to save money.

likely partners, but if you're tired of blackjack's big swings and don't want to spend hours pumping slot machines for a penny a pull, try Pai Gow poker. This table game, a variant of a Chinese gambling game played with dominoes, can be found at just about any casino with stakes starting at about \$10 per hand, equal to or less than the cheapest blackjack tables.

FREE ENTERTAINMENT: Lounge acts and good people-watching posts are plentiful on the Strip, but it's tough to beat the beauty of the fountains at Bellagio.

Sidewalk space is free for people to gather and watch the water dance to whatever's playing, whether it's classical music, opera or popular tunes. OSKAR GARCIA (AP)





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TOURISM TRADE: A Caribbean hotelier is offering investors a chance to swap sinking stocks for sun-drenched beach vacations. Between now and Jan. 31, Elite Island Resorts is accepting reservations for resorts on six islands, payable in up to \$5,000 worth of stock transactions — with the shares' value rolled back to July 1 pre-meltdown levels.

Travel

In the Market for Cheer

German vendors sell traditional Christmas crafts and delicacies

NUREMBERG, GERMANY | This time of year, the Christmas spirit descends on Germany's cities and towns in the form of wooden stalls laden with pretzels, toys and baked goods of all shapes and sizes.

More than 130 places in Germany host Christmas markets, each one emphasizing regional specialties and flair. The celebrations have developed into an art form, with handcrafted wooden ornaments, nativity displays and delectable treats that would leave Santa and his reindeer turning up their noses at mere cookies and milk.

The markets are a major tourist attraction, drawing visitors from around the world. But the markets also draw on centuries of Christmas traditions in this country where the



People crowd around stalls during the opening of the Christmas market in Nuremberg, Germany, last month. The Christmas markets uphold centuries of tradition.

Protestant Reformation took root and where the current pope was born, with some customs dating back to the Middle Ages.

Dresden, in Germany's east, boasts the Striezelmarkt, the oldest documented Christmas market in the country, dating to 1434. It is the home of the largest "Christmas pyramid" — a 45-foot-high wood structure lit with candles that spin the tiers of the decorated structure.

The tradition for Christmas wood carving comes from the

Erzgebirge, or "Ore mountains," an old mining region south of the city that borders the Czech Republic. Nutcrackers and "smoking men" incense holders were originally created here.

In Nuremberg in Bavaria, the city's Christkindlmarkt is perhaps the most famous of all the markets, counting about 2 million visitors from Japan, the U.S., China, all over Europe and elsewhere around the world every year.

In Berlin, the 17th-century Charlottenburger Palace is brilliantly illuminated behind the market, and the Jewish Museum hosts a combined Hanukkah-Christmas market with kosher delicacies.

Marco Geroni, 31, a lawyer from Italy on holiday in Berlin with his family, visited several markets.

"I think the markets are very funny," he said. "My mother is going crazy buying things for under the tree." ALEXIS KUNSAK (AP)

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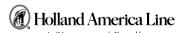
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TOUGH CROWD: With eight nominations each, the political biography "Milk," starring Sean Penn, and the romantic fable "The Curious Case of Benjamin Button" top the list of nominees for the fourth annual Critics Choice Awards.



HE'S NOT GOING ANYWHERE: If you love him, you're in luck. If you hate him, too bad — Jay Leno is still on TV for the time being.

He's a Keeper

NBC is holding on to Jay Leno by moving him to the IO p.m. slot

SCHEDULING | Making a radical change in prime time television, NBC is moving late-night talk show host Jay Leno to 10 p.m.

The move would keep Leno from bolting to a rival network, as he has hinted. It also upturns decades of conventional wisdom that has kept the networks in lock-step in how they fill their prime time schedules.

For decades, NBC, ABC and CBS have plugged the 10 p.m. hour with cop shows and medical dramas that have become increasingly costly to produce. NBC, which is in fourth place, hopes the gambit will staunch the bleeding in prime time and the loss of ad dol-

lars by instead airing the lower-cost and potentially higher-profit talk show.

Leno is scheduled to sign off as "The Tonight Show" host at the end of May to make room for Conan O'Brien, who would become the fifth host in the show's 54-year history. NBC earns about \$50 million a year in profit on "The Tonight Show."

"Jay gets to stay at his home,

and NBC gets the benefit of his genius," said one person close to the situation.

NBC Universal Chief Executive Jeff Zucker nearly five years ago engineered "The Tonight Show" hand-off as a way to avoid the decision that NBC experienced 16 years ago when it picked Leno over David Letterman to replace Johnny Carson. Letterman then defected to CBS, initially taking a chunk of "The Tonight Show" audience with him.

The deal to keep Leno behind his desk solves another costly dilemma for NBC. Only two of its 10 p.m. dramas have been solid performers, "Law & Order: SVU" on Tuesday night and the longtime Thursday night drama, "ER." This is "ER's" final season, and its departure was expected to leave a gaping hole in NBC's schedule.

Zucker appeared to be paving the way for the Leno announcement Monday when he told an investor conference in New York that NBC was weighing cutting back the amount of its weekly prime time programming to save money.

Such a move by one of the major broadcast networks would have been unthinkable only a couple years ago but is no longer met with surprise as the industry grapples with audiences "time shifting" their viewing and watching shows online.

A new soundstage is being prepared a couple of miles away, on the Universal Studios lot, for O'Brien, who takes over "The Tonight Show" in June. MEG JAMES (LOS ANGELES TIMES)



He's still all about the romantic side of life, but this time, Avant has more flair.

Avant's Guard Is Down

The singer lets his personal style shine on a self-titled release

MUSIC | When Avant made his debut in 2000 with the hits "Separated" and "My First Love" featuring Keke Wyatt, the Cleveland native often drew comparisons to R. Kelly because they had similar styles of crooning.

Yet with three gold and one platinum album to his credit, Avant has transformed into a singer with his own unique identity, though like Kelly, lovemaking remains central to his message.

His new self-titled CD contains a few melodic gems mixed with a couple of so-so bump-and-grind ballads.

On his first single, "When It Hurts," Avant speaks to his lover about their relationship, wondering if their bond would crumble or survive under tough circumstances as he sings, "Let's change people's definition of love."

There are some stumbles (like "Attention," featuring Snoop Dogg), but the album isn't dragged down too much, thanks to strong songs like the mid-tempo tracks "Y.O.U." and "Sailing." He shines brightest on "Perfect Gentlemen" JONATHAN LANDRUM JR.

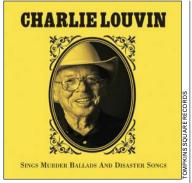
Emotional 'Ballads and Songs'

Murder, disaster and life lessons are on Charlie Louvin's mind

MUSIC | Charlie Louvin, half of the celebrated Louvin Brothers, was raised with his late brother, Ira, on songs about tragedy and human frailty.

At 81, Louvin has returned to that wellspring for his latest collection, "Charlie Louvin Sings Murder Ballads and Disaster Songs," which brims with an off-the-street immediacy more common to rap. Even though some of the material here was written nearly a century ago, the emotions the songs evoke are ever-relevant.

Where titillation is often the alpha and omega of reality television, tragic songs can operate on a higher level both through the music in which the tales are couched as well as the life and spiritual lessons they typically contain. "Wreck of the Old 97" has been a cornerstone of



Singing tragic songs is Charlie Louvin's way of enlightening his listeners. the country and bluegrass repertoire for decades. It tackles the theme of haste as it applies to human endeavor, in this case a train engineer who tempts fate as he hurries to get to his destination.

Louvin's weathered voice lends an air of authenticity a younger singer might have trouble matching, and the lean, predominantly acoustic arrangements add to the feeling that we're not merely being entertained but also enlightened.



BEERS AND IDIOCY: TBS is rushing the "Frat House." The cable network has ordered a presentation for a tentatively titled half-hour late-night project from Bunim-Murray that is in the vein of the 2003 Will Ferrell comedy "Old School."

Entertainment

Permanently Blonde

Jamie Pressly looks to escape typecasting while reveling in 'Earl'

SEASON OF JOY | Jaime Pressly takes nothing for granted except her own tenacity.

She leaves nothing to chance when she lands a role. Borrowing from real life, "I'm gonna watch, pay attention and emulate," she says. "The way I'm gonna get under the skin of that character is to find something to relate to."

Pressly did that three seasons ago after winning the plum role of Joy Turner on the NBC comedy "My Name Is Earl" (airing Thursday at 8 p.m.). Joy is the trashy, calculating bombshell of an ex-wife of Earl.

Mascara and big hair, hot pants and tank tops all are part of Joy's repertoire. So is a feisty refusal to be messed with. To depict Joy, Pressly drew on her rural roots in Kinston, N.C., and the survival instinct they share.

"We're both tough as nails, but softies on the inside," says Pressly.

Maybe she does her job portraying Joy too well.

"I'm not her, but no one wants to believe it," Pressly says, "because I am from the South, and my past roles have indicated that's all that I can be."

She is grateful, too, for the Emmy she won a year ago. When she heard her name announced.



She's got a Southern spunk that lends itself to roles like Joy, but Pressly wants more.

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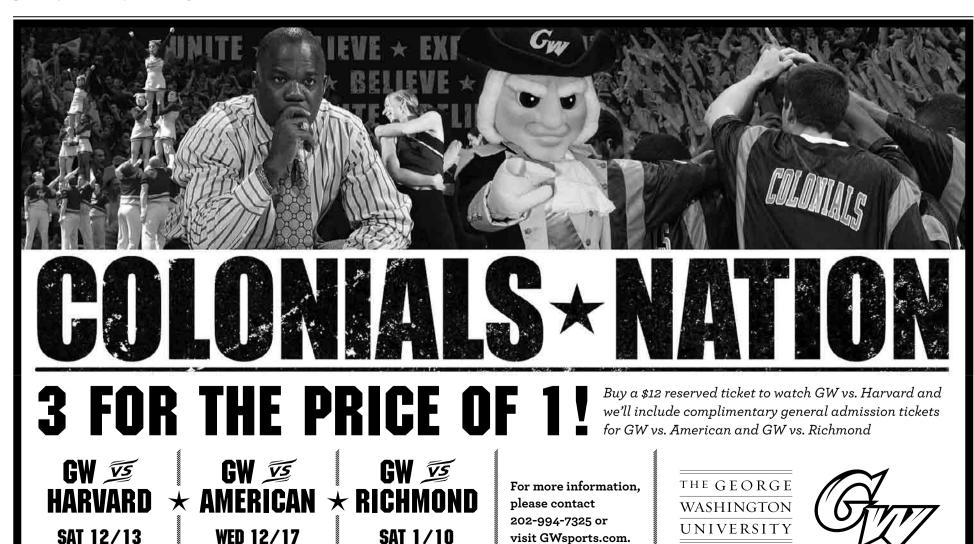
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she felt years of stick-to-itiveness had been borne out.

Even so, she worries that she's trapped by an image not unlike the blond bimbo stereotype that plagued her during the years she struggled to break into acting.

She accepts some responsibility. Like Earl with his list of wrongs he aims to correct, Pressly reels off career moves that, in retrospect, may not have served her long-term interests - Maxim and Playboy pictorials, films like "Poison Ivy: The New Seduction" and "Ringmaster" however much she needed the money and experience.

She has an upcoming film, "I Love You, Man." The comedy was shot during her "Earl" hiatus last spring. She stars with Paul Rudd, Jon Favreau, Jason Segel, Rashida Jones and Andy Samberg. That's a rhythm she hopes to continue: Keep reveling in "Earl" while demonstrating she can do other things. FRATIFR MOORE (AP)





BEST BEHIND THE CAMERA: After the success of his directorial debut, "Gone Baby Gone," Ben Affleck is in negotiations to follow it up with with the story of the death of Arizona journalist Don Bolles and the events it provoked.

Soulja Boy Goes Marching Or

The tech-savvv artist is ready to 'Birdwalk' to the top of the charts

YOUTUBE | Looking like a spoiled kid forced to sit in on his dad's business meeting, DeAndre "Soulja Bov Tell'em" Way slumps in a black leather chair at Billboard's New York offices, twiddling his thumbs on his two-way. He's distracted.

With BlackBerry in hand, the 18-year-old rapper-producer sports a bright yellow baseball hat with a baby-blue hair pick tucked under it, a track jacket and an oversized white tee, Yums Soulja Boy Block Star sneakers and a diamond-encrusted chain and wrist cuff.

It's easy to dismiss Soulja Boy as a run-of-the-mill teenager, but appearances can be deceiving. His breakthrough was due in part to his Internet fame and many consider him a Web-savvy business

By the time Soulja Boy signed to Collipark/Interscope Records last summer, he'd already garnered an unfathomable online following from his YouTube channel and MySpace page. "I was one of the first artists to have a YouTube account, if not the first. I joined two months after the site launched," Soulja Boy says. "I faked it until I made it. I acted like I was a celebrity. I was signing autographs, taking pictures, but I had no record deal. I was living the life of a star, but I was just a regular kid then."

Soulia Boy then released "Crank That," the top-selling digital track of 2007 and the third-biggest song download since such data started being tracked in 2003. "He's a smart kid," says the artist's manager, Derrick Crooms. "He understands this business more than most grown men I know.'

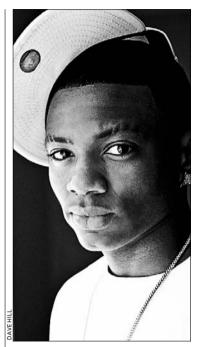
Soulja Boy will use this savvy to promote his sophomore set, "ISoulia-BovTellEm," due Dec. 16 from Collipark/Interscope Records. Producers Mr. Collipark, Polow Da Don and Drumma Boy helmed tracks for

the set, while T.I., Shawty Lo, Sean Kingston, Yo Gotti and Gucci Mane - who Soulja Boy calls his mentor

- make guest appearances.

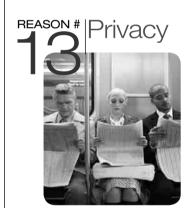
The first single, the dance-inspired "Birdwalk," is No. 47 on Billboard's Hot R&B/Hip-Hop Songs chart and has sold 10,000 downloads.

"I'm just beginning to work the song — it always starts from the bottom up," Soulja Boy says about the so-far modest sales. "People didn't see the groundwork that went into 'Crank That'; they just saw the success and sales. It probably won't take as long with 'Birdwalk,' but it will still take a little time. MARIEL CONCEPCION (BILLBOARD)



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Life After A Brilliant 'Battlestar'

Sci Fi execs hope to retain viewers when their hit show departs

FAREWELL | The end is in sight for "Battlestar Galactica," and the beleaguered humans of the Twelve Colonies aren't the only ones fretting about their survival. The executives at Sci Fi, the cable channel that has ridden "Galactica" as its esteemed flagship, will now have to carry on without her.

The final 10 episodes of "Battle-star" begin Jan. 19, and although a prequel series called "Caprica" has been locked in for 2010, that show begins with a new cast, a new story and no guarantees. Dave Howe, president of the cable station, owned by NBC Universal, said there was anxiety about losing the award-winning drama that gave Sci Fi much of its identity.

"Believe me, none of us could ever overestimate the success of 'Battlestar' in terms of putting us on the map with not just a critical audience but actually with a new audience," Howe said. "I think all of us will be depressed when it's over." On a recent visit to Los Angeles, Howe was plainly proud of the broader success of Sci Fi, which for a considerable part of its 16-year history was known primarily as a fanboy corner of the cable dial with reruns of "The Incredible Hulk" and "Planet of the Apes." Now the channel is in a different stratum.

"We're at No. 5 for the year," Howe said, "and within spitting distance of A&E at No. 4, which I think has shocked some people who have assumed that we're so niche and narrow that we don't even register on the Richter scale."

The question is how the channel will make the Earth move again. Howe pointed to the series "Sanctuary," which premiered Oct. 3 and saw its pilot finish as the night's No. 1 prime-time cable entertainment program among adults 25 to 54, as part of the answer.

If anything, Sci Fi seems to be dealing with too many ideas, with a staggering number of development deals. That might be a bit of anxious hyperactivity by a channel losing its go-to franchise. Howe clearly hopes there's another "Galactica" in the stars.

"To take something that was a cheesy 1970s show and turn it into something like the 'West Wing' of outer space is not something that anybody set out to do," he said. "It brought in people who would have never touched us before. Now we have to build on that. That is our challenge." GEOFF BOUCHER (LOS ANGELES TIMES)





ON DONNER AND BLITZER: CNN announced Monday that Wolf Blitzer extended his contract through the next presidential campaign. Blitzer will continue anchoring "The Situation Room," but is handing off Sunday morning reports to John King.

Television

ON TV TONIGHT

CHRISTMAS AND THE CITY

Danny DeVito, Lucy Liu, Freddy Rodriguez, Brenda Song and Brian Williams lend their voices to the 2008 animated special LITTLE SPIRIT: CHRISTMAS IN NEW YORK (8 p.m., NBC), featuring music by Duncan Sheik ("Spring Awakening").

CATTINESS ABOUNDS

On ${\bf STYLISTA}$ (CW, 9 p.m.) the designers have serious demands.

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MOST CHRISTMASY PLACES IN AMERICA (8 p.m., Travel) rounds up cheery locales

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A lighthouse keeper's demise may prove illuminating on **PUSHING DAISIES** (8 p.m., ABC).

FAMOUS LEADING THE FAMOUS

Musician Lou Reed and artist/director Julian Schnabel appear on **SPECTACLE** (9 p.m., Sundance), hosted by Elvis Costello.



Will Ferrell is endearingly oversized in the comedy "Elf," airing tonight on USA.

HOLIDAY CHUCKLES

Will Ferrell in the 2003 comedy **ELF** (10 p.m., USA).

SAFETY CHIC

The team must develop a personal, wearable air bag on **PROTOTYPE THIS** (10 p.m., Discovery). KEVIN MCDONOUGH (UNITED FEATURE SYNDICATE)

Inherited Sins of the Father

On PBS, a Nazi's war crimes cause his child daily anguish

PASSED DOWN | A powerful story about the intersection of history, family, tragedy and even Hollywood, the "P.O.V." (9 p.m., PBS) documentary "Inheritance" features a character beyond the imagination of any screenwriter. Born in 1945, Monika Hertwig is now in her 60s, raising the grandchild her drug-addicted daughter can no longer nurture.

Like millions of children born in Germany in the 1940s, she was told that her father had been killed in the war. But her generation did not look back.

At age 11, she learned that her father, Amon Goeth, had not been a mere casualty of war. He was



Monika Hertwig is haunted by the actions of her father, Amon Goeth.

actually an SS officer and the commander of a Nazi concentration camp in Plaszow, Poland. He was hanged for war crimes.

Decades after learning this shameful secret, Hertwig was horrified to learn that her father would be portrayed by Ralph Fiennes in Steven Spielberg's 1993 Holocaust drama "Schindler's List."

The film follows Hertwig as she prepares to meet a victim, a young Jewish girl who survived the camps by working as a servant in Goeth's house. There, she learned to survive Goeth's cruelty and met his mistress, who would become Monika Hertwig's mother.

Monika Hertwig is clearly an anguished soul, tortured by unspeakable acts she did not commit. She is living, suffering proof that the crimes of war can reverberate from beyond the grave. "Every father in a war should think about his children," Hertwig reflects. KEVIN MCDONQUIGH (UNITED FEATURE SYNDICATE)







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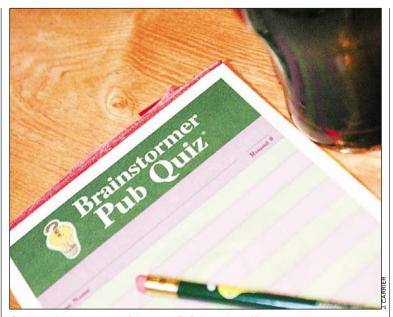
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LIFE & STUFF | This is a city of handraisers. It seems everyone who works here was the smartest kid in their elementary school, and if you talk to the average Washington professional in a bar, you'll probably discover that he or she has a lot of what some would call "useless knowledge." It's hard to give up the lifetime habit of being a know-it-all.

No wonder D.C. is full of trivia nights. It's the last place where adults can show off their quiz-bowl knowledge in a socially acceptable way. D.C. has trivia nights for every day of the week.

Here are our favorites: Fado's Monday trivia nights are thrilling



Get your think on at one of the many D.C. bars that offers a weekly trivia night.

(as these things go). This is serious business; don't even think about taking out your cell phone, because you may be accused of cheating and be disqualified. Don't worry, it's still fun. The quiz, which consists of seven rounds of fairly difficult questions, starts at 8 p.m. Madam's Organ doesn't seem like a place people go to think, but Tuesday trivia night is intense. It starts at 8:30 p.m. and runs for more than two hours of difficult questions. The crowd consists mostly of Hill wonks and hippie NGO staffers.

Wednesday's trivia night at Marshall's, which begins at 7 p.m., is low-key, crowded and jolly. The questions are created in-house (which is not as common as you'd think), and the difficulty varies wildly. Prizes generally include discounts on your bill, though occasionally the joint will hand out movie tickets.

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- → Madam's Organ, 2461 18th St. NW; 202-667-5370. (Woodley Park-Zoo)
- → Marshall's, 2524 L St. NW; 202-333-1155. (Foggy Bottom-GWU)

Prague Prints

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national shift in policy, a turn of events

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Times Magazine byline was P.P., for

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happy about. That was why

thousands of Soviet troops

invaded the country in bloody

ical reform in Poland that marked a

thescene



Roberta Flack appears with Davell Crawford at Bohemian Caverns.

THURSDAY

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8:30 & 10:30 p.m., \$30-\$35; 202-2990800. (U St.-Cardozo)

My Brightest Diamond: Dramatic tunes from multi-instrumentalist Shara Worden. Rock and Roll Hotel, 1353 H St. NE; 8:30 p.m., \$12-\$14; 202-388-7625. Daniel Schorr: The veteran newsman discusses his lengthy career. National

discusses his lengthy career. National Archives, 700 Pennsylvania Ave. NW; 7 p.m., free; 202-50I-5000. (Archives-Navy Memorial)

FRIDAY

Mount Vernon by Candlelight: A romantically lit tour of the mansion.

Mount Vernon, 3200 Mount Vernon

Memorial Highway, Alexandria; through

Sun., call for times, \$18; 703-780-2000.

NSO Pops Holiday Concert: Conducted by Marvin Hamlisch. Kennedy Center, 2700 F St. NW; 8 p.m., \$20-\$85; 202-467-4600. (Foggy Bottom-GWU)

Washington Jewish Film Festival: 59 films, IO countries, 7 venues. Various locations; through Sun., various times and prices; 202-777-3248, wjff.org.

SATURDAY

After Dark Lucia Ball: This black tie event celebrates a Swedish national holiday, St. Lucia's Day, with DJs, dancing, a Swedish buffet and a special lounge area on a rooftop deck. House of Sweden, 2900 K St. NW; 8 p.m., \$80; 202-467-2600.

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→ Reiters Books, 1990 K St. NW; 6:30 p.m., free; 202-223-3327. (Farragut West)



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→ Kennedy Center, 2700 F St. NW; 8 p.m., \$22-\$65; 202-467-4600. (Foggy Bottom)

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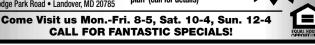
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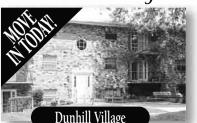
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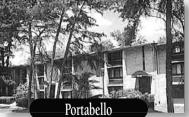
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Leisure

A new game called Humans vs. Zombies is popular at colleges

It's dusk on a brisk autumn Friday. At college campuses across the country, students are preparing for a weekend of booze-fueled debauchery.

The ritual extends even to tiny Goucher College. But some students at the liberal arts school north of Baltimore have found a different way to blow off steam.

Several dozen students are being led on a march around the perimeter of the wooded campus. They carry Nerf dart guns. A few bark out orders; the rest follow them. They watch each other's backs and stay in formation.

In their minds, they are among the last survivors of the human race, marching across a post-apocalyptic land where the dead rise from the

Here was a group of 75 students actively involved in a physical activity that didn't involve

drugs or alcohol."

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grave. They remain vigilant, scanning the woods and training their guns on an unseen menace that could attack at any moment.

Their leader on this journey is a student wearing a sombrero. Occasionally, he directs his followers to sing and dance — to purify a tree, or so he claims.

The battalions perform without complaint, launching into Alanis Morissette's "Ironic."

Christopher Weed lingers apart

from the crowd. Weed (who recently graduated) is the puppet-master behind this bizarre display.

As the students launch into a song-and-dance number, he can't contain himself. His chuckles give way to laughter. "I love this game," he says.

The game is called Humans vs. Zombies. Weed and fellow student Brad Sappington invented it in 2005, drawing from games such as Assassins and Murder, in which players sneak around and kill one another by throwing balled-up socks.

Really, it's just a high-concept version of playground tag. But the introduction of zombies provided an irresistible wrinkle, allowing the game to tap into pop culture.



ON THE PROWL: A student carries a toy gun during a game of Humans vs. Zombies at Goucher College, near Baltimore.

Spirited Competition

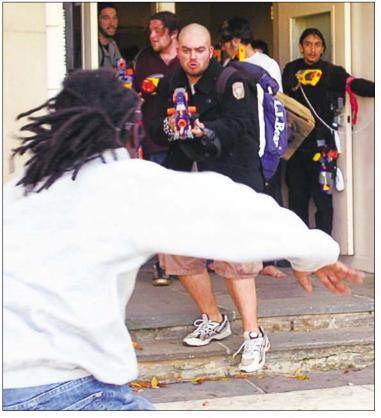
"It's this way to watch an awesome flick like 'Dawn of the Dead' or some zombie movie, and then try to be a part of what that means," game moderator Trevor Moorman said.

It offers a perfect cover for college students who don't want to be called immature but aren't ready to grow up yet, either. During a game, they can set aside the pressures of academics, tuition and the job market and run around like 8-year-olds at recess.

The game is simple: Humans identify themselves with bandanas around an arm or leg; zombies wear bandanas on their foreheads. Zombies kill humans by tagging them.

After the rules for Humans vs. Zombies were posted online, the game spread to dozens of campuses. It's popular at the University of Massachusetts, Bowling Green State University in Ohio and Indiana's Ball State University, where more than 400 have played at a time.

But it hasn't always been



"Humans" attack a "zombie" in a Humans vs. Zombies game at Goucher College.

smoothly integrated into campus life. In the wake of mass shootings last year at Virginia Tech and this year at Northern Illinois University, some believe it's insensitive, if not dangerous, for students to march or sneak around campus with plastic dart guns.

Perhaps the most dramatic uproar came in April at Alfred University, where the campus was locked down and text messages went out to students about a possible intruder after a staff member reported seeing a man carrying what appeared to be a handgun. The suspect turned out to be a student playing Humans vs. Zombies, said Norman Pollard, dean of students.

The game was suspended for the spring at the Alfred, N.Y., school, and Pollard met with organizers to discuss ways to continue it.

"Here was a group of 75 students actively involved in a physical activity that didn't involve drugs or alcohol," Pollard said. "I can see the merit for them." BEN NUCKOLS (AP)

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Discussions

Holiday Blu-Ray

Washingtonpost.com DVD columnist JEN CHANEY was online Tuesday to recommend DVD and Blu-Ray gifts and answer questions about what's happening in the home video realm.

I am a big fan of Blu-Ray, but have a question about Blu-Ray players: Do they all take forever to go from standby mode to "operational"?

Blu-Ray discs in general tend to load more slowly because they contain much more data. This is an issue with a lot of players, but some have much slower load times than others. With the PS3. I haven't found the load times too outrageous. But I have heard and read that complaint from others; so for those who are looking to buy, definitely take that into consideration.

I was thinking of picking up "Mamma Mia!" for my mom this Christmas. Will the joy it brings to her outweigh the looks of death from my dad? We went to the theater to see it and she loved it; this way she can sing along and not annoy the person next to her.

Well, she can sing along and not annoy the person next to her, as long as that person is not your dad. I think you should buy it for your mom if she loved it that much. The DVD actually has a sing-along option that puts the lyrics on the screen during the movie, so she can even sing along accurately.

Am I alone in thinking that Blu-Ray is kind of a scam? The technology isn't getting smaller, or cheaper, or more efficient than DVD. You're

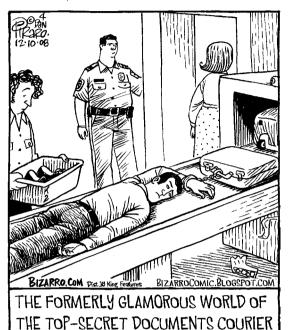
going from buying a disc and something to play it on ... to a disc and something to play it on.

You totally aren't alone. Plenty of people think it's a scam and I understand where they're coming from. I think more people will be willing to explore it if the prices drop. I also think the way content is presented on Blu-Ray discs will influence the approach to disseminating content in general, even if we eventually download it all directly without using hard DVDs or discs at all. In other words, picture-in-picture commentary or BD-Live-style features may be here to stay, but may be delivered to us in different ways.

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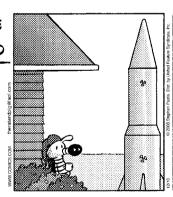




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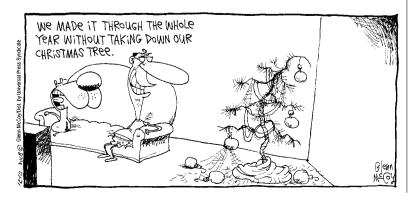




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Horoscope

By Stella Wilder

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CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Fall back to the basics, and you'll realize just where you've been going wrong — and just how you can reduce your own stress and strain

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) Fulfillment may seem incomplete for a time, until you finally open up and tell a loved one just what you want and why.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) Take care that you respect the boundaries that others have established. Take even one step too far, and the repercussions may be serious.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) That which you have in common with someone else will surely prove more important than the differences you harbor beneath the surface

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) You are in

the mood for some stimulating interaction - and conversation will only go so far. During the evening hours, a door may open.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) You'll come to terms with an aspect of your own personality with which you've actually been at odds for quite some time.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) You're after a little more romance in all areas of your life, but it's best to begin at home. Don't let yourself obsess about your future.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Someone may be trying to tame you, but you'll be beyond all external controls — following your own instincts, without fear.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) You can keep romance alive even while you are tending to your professional responsibilities. Your imagination can work wonders

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) Some may consider you out of your league, but the fact is that you simply haven't unleashed all of your talents yet.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) You mustn't be wishy-washy; if you make a decision, stick to it. You don't want to have the competition see you be uncertain.

Letters

Prohibition Had Positives

IFOUND THE article on Prohibition to be very interesting and informative ("Secretly Sauced," Dec. 5). I wanted to note, however, that his statement, "Prohibition was, by the numbers, a fiasco" is a bit controversial. For instance, William Bennett, former director of the Office of National Drug Control Policy. noted that "In 10 years of Prohibition, the death rate due to alcohol decreased 42 percent, the death rate due to cirrhosis of the liver decreased by 70 percent, crime decreased by 54 percent, and insanity decreased by 66 percent." The question is whether these gains were worth \$200 billion in revenue losses and enforcement costs. But we should be clear that there were some gains made by Prohibition.

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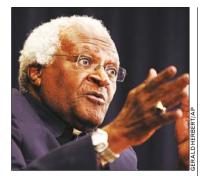
Martin Luther King Jr. receives his Nobel Peace

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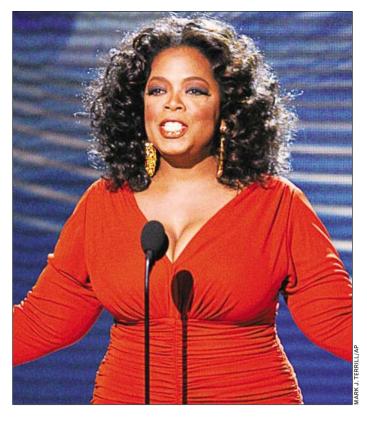
In a letter to London's The Times newspaper, Nobel laureate **DESMOND** TUTU urged rich nations to tackle global warming. The 19 signatories on the letter included actress Scarlett Johansson. "Wealthy nations ... are the most responsible and most able to lead the world in tackling climate change," he wrote. (EXPRESS)

FINDINGS Indecipherable Plotlines Do Not Cause Infertility



"Lost" star JOSH **HOLLOWAY** (Sawyer) is going to be a dad, TV Guide reported. His wife, Yessica, is pregnant with

their first child, due in 2009. He is currently filming the fifth season of "Lost" in Hawaii. (EXPRESS)



Still Obsessing

OPRAH says she weighs 200 pounds and has fallen off the wagon when it comes to healthy living. "I'm mad at myself," Winfrey writes in the upcoming issue of O magazine. "I'm embarrassed," she writes. "I can't believe that after all these years, all the things I know how to do, I'm still talking about my weight. I look at my thinner self and think, 'How did I let this happen again?'" (AP)

SPIRIT

Hudson **To Return** To Work **Next Week**

JENNIFER HUD-

SON is set to begin filming a video next week for her single, "If This Isn't Love," according

to her label, J Records. Hudson has been in seclusion since the killings of her mother, brother and nephew. However, she has thanked the Hudson is nominated for four Grammy awards.

public for their support since the tragedy, and last week issued a statement after she was nominated for four

Grammy awards. She has recently been featured in ads for the Gap, but those images were shot before the murders. (AP)

CONTRACTS

Sacred Blood Pact **Broken by Petulant Whining**

A person with direct knowledge of the situation has confirmed that T.R. KNIGHT has asked to be released from his contract with "Grey's Anatomy." The actor, who plays Dr. George O'Malley, has asked to leave



the ABC medical drama because he is unhappy with his storyline, the person said. Knight has three years left on his

contract and the network has indicated it will release him. (AP)

STOLEN.

PETA Makes the Joke We Would Have Made

Model/actress **ELIZABETH HURLEY** has angered People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals by signing on as Blackglama Furs' new spokeswoman. "Her wardrobe is now as dead as her film career," said a PETA representative. "There is no excuse for wearing real fur." (EXPRESS)



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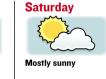




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REALITY BITES: After considering careers in opera, foreign service and event management, Camille Dierksheide found stability in the change-a-minute world of fine caterering and personal chefing.

A Taste of Success

PREP A NEW COURSE WITH A DEGREE FROM CULINARY SCHOOL

CAMILLE DIERKSHEIDE'S career path could double as a Rorschach test. Some might see the 36-year-old's two-page resume as evidence of job hopping or indecisiveness. Others might see intensity or strength of character in her working two jobs while studying or planning CONTINUED ON E2



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PERCENTAGE OF WORKERS

A New Course

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her wedding.

Dierksheide prefers to see herself as a Renaissance woman marked by passion for both global relations and the arts. "Jobs with a narrow scope don't really appeal to me," she says.

Dierksheide prefers to see herself as a Renaissance woman.

Having sung since childhood, she transferred to George Washington University from Seattle on a music scholarship but majored in international affairs, aiming to be a foreign-service officer. She sang with Opera International during college. While working as a program officer for nonprofits, she managed D.C. company's summer productions.

The trouble: Bureaucracy was dull. For a few years, Dierksheide was an office manager and executive assistant to pay the bills but kept starting new bachelor's studies in music. Despite teaching voice to others and offering well-reviewed recitals, a lack of piano proficiency held her back.

Then came an all-but-complete event-management certificate and some graphic-design classes. An event-management company launched in August 2001 died slowly in the wake of 9/11. Eventually, Dierksheide returned to GW's Elliott School in its office of career development for grad students. "It was ironic," she says, "when I didn't know what I was doing with my life, either."

Inspiration struck during a conversation with her brother: In December 2005, he mentioned checking out New York's French Culinary School. Food careers ran in the family. She'd dreamed of opening a tea salon. Acquaintances who'd studied at L'Academie de Cuisine (lacademie.com; 301-670-8670) had loved it. Should she do the same, or was this interest a whim?

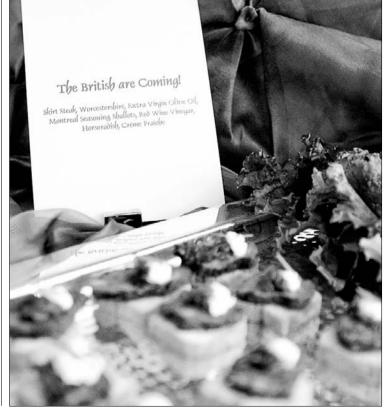
Dierksheide quit her job, borrowed tuition money — the one-



year professional program in Gaithersburg, which begins next month, costs \$27,520 plus fees — and in July 2006 joined 15 others in a new artistic endeavor. "Divas are to chefs as stagehands are to busboys, but in this career the knives are real," she grins.

For the first three months, students watch a cooking demonstration, then create the same dishes as lunch for their colleagues in the pastry program. In the second three months, they "do the same only faster and with more elaborate menus," Dierksheide says. The last six months include restaurant work and a monthly workshop.

The budding entrepreneur enjoyed working with L'Academie's then-curriculum director, two-star Michelin chef Gerard Pangaud, and colleagues who'd cooked at the White House, the French Embassy, and Firehook Bakery. The school is widely considered the best of its



NEVER A DULL MOMENT: Personal chefs love variety, says Candy Wallace, founder of the American Personal & Private Chef Association. In addition to creating spreads like this, Dierksheide preps tea parties and dinners for two.

kind in the Mid-Atlantic.

After graduation — 11 students finished the program — Dierksheide worked at a bakery, but its checks soon started bouncing. In September 2007 she plunged fultime into the Beehive, an Alexandria business that's about 80 percent catering and afternoon teas, 20 percent personal chefing.

"Everything I've done has led to this career," she says. "I can drape the tables and create decorations. I've designed my own Web site, logos, menus. I can speak to clients and vendors in a few languages, hire contractors [as prep cooks, waiters and dishwashers], do flowers, even discuss nutrition." Dierksheide has created celebratory dinners for two,

receptions for 150 and tea parties for seven costumed girls.

Variety like this is what attracts many personal chefs, says Candy Wallace, founder of the American Personal & Private Chef Association (800-644-8389; personalchef.com).

Often, both pay and control of one's time improve as a personal chef.

Wallace, a Bethesda native, says half her members come from the culinary industry and half from a different career altogether. The former want to escape "the crushing physicality of commercial cooking" plus all but unavoidable night and weekend work: "Chefs can walk away from that while still doing what they love."



Often, both pay and control of AWORK OF ART? Cooking isn'ttoo far removed from music, after all. Both require creativity, discipline and practice, Dierksheide says.

one's time improve as a personal chef. Wallace says the national average for full-time work is \$70,000 to \$75,000.

Four years ago, the ACPA configured its intense two-day course and 125-page manual to suit L'Academie, which hosts the open class three times a year. "The Business of Doing Business as a Personal Chef," next at L'Academie Feb. 7 and 8, costs \$995 (register at personalchef.com); it's also available on DVD and online and is geared toward personal-chef certification. Dierksheide didn't take the course but is a certified member of ACPA.

What's next? "I have a book idea," she muses. "I want to be a mom someday, and wedding cakes would work well with that. And I'd love a master's in English literature....

Meanwhile, though Dierksheide occasionally got in trouble at L'Academie for singing in the kitchen, now the tables are turned. She's offering an Italian aria with a personalized Valentine's Day dinner.

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DOWNSIZED, SACKED, CANNED: When Tya Bolton was laid off in 2005, she jumped at the chance to start her own business.

Get All Fired Up

Making the best of a bad economic situation: our layoff survival guide

As a business manager at the D.C.area offices of talent management firm Lee Hecht Harrison, Tya Bolton worked with companies that were downsizing to help transition staff being laid off. So when she was laid off in December of 2005, it seemed a little bit ironic.

"It shocked me, but only for about 30 minutes," says Bolton, 31. "After 30 minutes I was over it and already planning my next steps."

Thanks to her work experience, Bolton knew the next moves she needed to make. But for many others, it can sometimes be hard to get their careers back on track.

According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, the U.S. economy lost 1.2 million jobs in the first 10 months of 2008. And based on the steady stream of bad news about American companies in dire straits, that number looks sure to rise.

So what should you do if you get a pink slip instead of a bonus this year? Can even a layoff have a silyer lining? BE READY: "Make sure you've got everyone's contact info away from the office," says Nancy Collamer, career consultant and founder of Layoffsurvivalguide.com. "A lot of people leave all that stuff at the office, and the day you get terminated, you get escorted out the door." Having your contact list at home helps you put out feelers faster once you're ready to start your job search.

TAKE SOME TIME: "Getting laid off is a loss, and people will go through the stages of loss," says Melissa Fireman, founder and CEO of career management firm Washington Career Services. "If they're still on anger, it's really not a good time to start interviewing."

If you still have hard feelings about your layoff, write a letter to your boss venting your frustrations. "Get all your anger out of your head and on paper, and then go in the backyard and bury it," says Marshall Brown, president of Marshall Brown & Associates, a local career and executive coaching firm. "If you're still carrying that anger around, ... that's going to come across."

DO YOUR HOMEWORK: Find out which

When it comes to resumes these days, one size definitely doesn't fit all.

companies you'd like to work for and assess if they'll likely be hiring soon.

"Once you've begun to identify companies," says Collamer, "set up Google alerts on them, so you know as soon as someone announces plans for an expansion."

DIFFERENTIATE: When it comes to resumes these days, one size definitely doesn't fit all. "Don't print 25 or 30 copies of your resumé and plan to mail it out," says Lita Epstein, author of the forthcoming book, "Surviving a Layoff" (Adams Media, \$9.95). "That's not the way jobs are gotten today."

Look at the job and see how your resumé compares. "It has to be tailored to the specific job using language from the job description," says Brown. Lots of companies use computer programs to scan resumés, so using keywords found in the job description can help your resumé



BOXED IN: If you feel like you've been filling out millions of these, you're not alone.

land near the top of the pile.

NETWORK, **NETWORK**, **NETWORK**: The old saying goes that it's not what you know, it's who you know. In today's job market, that's definitely true.

"I encourage folks to spend at least 80 percent of their job search time meeting people doing things they want to be doing," says Brown. "People hear about [openings] through their network."

After you get laid off, let people know what happened and that you're looking. Then expand your network by joining associations and alumni groups, scheduling informational interviews, and using online tools like LinkedIn and Facebook.

FIND SUPPORT: "Support groups can be very helpful in building your network and getting your mindset in a stronger place," says Epstein. Community centers, libraries, churches, and professional associations can help steer folks toward these groups. Sometimes, if a company goes through a massive layoff, former employees come together online. "When my husband was laid off, he set up a Yahoo group of other people in his field who had gotten laid off," says Collamer. "They'd post to the group job listings they'd heard about."

EXPLORE ALTERNATIVES: Consider internships and volunteering to maintain your skills while making contacts. Says Brown, "I know a number of folks who wound up being hired when a

position opened up."

Many people use a layoff to explore a career change. Erika Dongre, 39, had been thinking about moving to the nonprofit sector. After she was laid off from Time Life in 2007, she made that switch. Now the associate director of direct response marketing at the American Diabetes Association, she's glad her layoff gave her the reason to explore other options.

Consider internships and volunteering as a way to maintain and develop your skills.

"I decided that this was my chance ... to find what might be the thing that gets me more excited about going to work," she says. "Some people might not have that luxury. But a layoff is good chance to kind of reevaluate what you really want to do."

For Bolton, she decided to follow her dream of starting her own business. "I temped at a law firm for about six weeks before I realized that I ... was ready to take the plunge," says Bolton, who founded Exceptional Business Solutions, a business support firm, in 2006. "A lot of people are ashamed when they get laid off, but I took it and used it as an advantage." BETH LUBERECKI

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Personal Change

Want to work for Obama? You'll need to stand out from the pack

When Barack Obama was elected the 44th president of the United States, people black and white, young and old, rich and poor, filled the streets of Washington, cheering. A few days later, many of the same people flooded Obama's transition Web site, Change.gov, with applications. And now, thousands who are full of hope for a job change are going to be very disappointed.

Getting a non-career, or appointed, position with Obama is going to be tough. Cross-your-fingers, say-a-prayer tough. Cutthroat. And connections will mean everything. Without them, "you're better off buying a Powerball ticket," says John Burke, the author of "Presidential Transitions: From Politics to Practice," and a professor at the University of Vermont.

Burke has studied presidential transitions from Carter to Clinton, and has seen five incarnations of the Plum Book — the book listing all political jobs that will need to be filled by the new administration — packed with appointees. Although political experience is not a prerequisite to apply, those who have worked on the campaign or in previous jobs in government have the best shot at prime positions.



AUDACITY OF HOPE: Adam Feiler is seeking a job in the Obama administration.

"A presidential transition team is looking for two things: People who have some association with the campaign — who are loyal to the agenda — and secondly, they may be looking for people with prior White House or administration experience," says Burke. So if you fit this description, now is the time to schmooze your way through the contacts list on your Blackberry. Call up old campaign friends and supervisors, ask for introductions and make networking your goal at events.

That's what Adam Feiler, the president of the Georgetown University College Democrats, is

doing. He spent 14 months on the campaign trail as a field director for Students for Obama, and he's hoping that his experience and connections there will help him get an appointee job in foreign policy or security in research, policy or communications.

Competition is steep, even among Feiler's friends and fellow college Democrats.

"We're competitive with each other, but we're competitive with so many others that I don't feel like my friends will be taking my spot more than anyone else will," he says.

As he prepares for graduation in December, Feiler knows that at

TIPS FOR SNAGGING YOUR OBAMA DREAM JOB

The change in administrations has opened up a slew of government jobs. Here are tips on what you can do to make yourself an attractive candidate.

→ DON'T DOWNPLAY YOUR ACCOM-PLISHMENTS. Now is not the time to be modest. Make sure that your resume lists every success, in detail. For federal resumes, you are not limited to one page, so elaborate.

→ MENTION OUTSIDE INTERESTS

TO STAND OUT. Troutman recalled a young woman who had come to her for

help with a thin resume. She asked her about her other interests, and found that she had raised thousands of dollars in a walk-a-thon for bone marrow transplants. Your volunteer work and leadership in your spare time has a place on your resume.

→ UPDATE YOUR RESUME CON-

STANTLY. You'll stay in the database for a while, and the transition team likely won't start looking through the Web-submitted resumes until they're done filling major positions. Listen to Obama's speeches and updates, and

adjust your resume according to his priorities.

→ USE THE RIGHT KEYWORDS.

Change is a big one. Also try: enthusiasm, leadership, public servant. Look for other potential keywords in anything you read that comes from the Office of the President-Elect.

→ ALWAYS HAVE NETWORKING IN

MIND. Washington is a connected town—anyone you meet could introduce you to the boss of your dreams. Cultivate contacts, grow your LinkedIn network and save all business cards.

his age, a prime position may be a long shot.

"I'm not expecting much, not even a call back for several months," he says. "Hopefully someone will peer at my resume in the next month. I've passed it around to people that I know, and hopefully, they'll pass it around."

But applicants can't get by on hope alone — especially younger applicants who don't have a Rolodex of Washington contacts to fall back on. For the less experienced candidate, getting a job with Obama will take some ingenuity.

"I wouldn't expect people who have submitted their resume over the site to do very well," says Burke. "The key is certainly connections."

But Kathryn Troutman, president of the Resume Place, Inc., and



WORK THOSE CONNECTIONS: Feiler hopes to turn his 14 months on the campaign trail into a job, but competition is steep.



ADAM FEILER, COLLEGE DEMOCRAT

a career consultant who has written several books about how to get federal jobs, disagrees.

"People who are just saying, 'I want to be a part of the administration,' that will never work," says Troutman. "But if they have a specialization ... it's possible to get into the pile."

Troutman believes that candidates who might not have held

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Feiler and other Georgetown students are competing for federal jobs — with each other and with hordes of eager applicants

Yes, You Can

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political jobs, but who have great experience in the financial sector or environmental fields could find their first public service jobs with the Obama administration. For other young or inexperienced candidates, she recommends applying on Change.gov, but also pursuing career positions with the government on Usajobs.gov.

"USA Jobs will be booming in February, because the agencies will start hiring," says Troutman. She thinks that the FDIC, SEC and FDA will especially be looking for new candidates, because they will be made a higher priority in this administration.

For candidates who were swept up in the excitement of the election, but lack qualifications for government jobs, Burke suggests seeking positions in sectors that intersect with government and politics, like lobbying, law firms and nonprofits.

It's a good time to be in Washington, but also a competitive time. Starry-eyed Democrats, lured in by Obama's charisma, are eager to get into government even if it means they have to take lessthan-glamorous positions.

"The government is getting a facelift and people want to be on board to make it happen," says Troutman. "The focus is now not on Iraq, it's on fixing America. People want to be part of fixing America."

Those with experience in the financial or green sectors could find their first public service jobs.

She noted that there was an increase in public service interest after Sept. 11 because people wanted to help keep America safe; likewise, they want to be a part of solving economic and environmental problems.

Troutman recommends that applicants get their resumes submitted by Jan. 1. Hiring will likely begin right after the inauguration.

"Obama is so fast. [His transition] will take about four months," says Troutman. "For Clinton, it took a year — he didn't have the technol-

ogy. Obama is world-class fast. He has to be."

When you apply for government jobs, computer programs or human resources professionals often comb through piles of resumes looking for key phrases, and eliminating resumes that have omitted them. Troutman recommends that anyone who has applied for a job with Obama that did not include the word "change" update his or her resume to include it, immediately.

"Most people don't even think of that," says Troutman, whose book, "10 Steps to a Federal Job, Second Edition," comes out in January. "Write about things you've done that have involved change, even as a student, even life change."

Because creativity is so valued by the new administration, Troutman decided not to create a resume template on her Web site, for fear that people would mindlessly copy it, thus lowering their chances.

But presenting oneself as someone who is experienced, well-connected and an agent of change might be too subtle. Troutman's final advice? Be boastful.

"Pull out some bragging," she says. "This is not the time to just say, 'I'm pretty good." After that, all you can do is hope. MAURA JUDKIS

Agents of Change

Millennials see entrepreneurship as a means to do good, not get rich

Drew Chafetz, 25, a graduate of the private Maret School with a degree in economics from the University of Colorado, makes no money. He lives with his parents in Northwest Washington, sleeping in the same poster-filled basement room of his teenage years. For breaks, he moseys outside in his slippers and kicks around a soccer ball.

But Chafetz is no slacker. He is actually on an alternative achievement track popular with his generation: social entrepreneurship. Chafetz works full time on a project he founded called love.fútbol. The nonprofit organization helps build low-maintenance soccer fields in communities where children often have no place to play except garbage-strewn lots or hard-to-reach fields.

Social entrepreneurship, the movement in which people launch nonprofit or business ventures to address systemic problems in impoverished areas, emerged nearly three decades ago and is growing in appeal among young adults. Chafetz and others in their 20s or early 30s are leveraging business partnerships, grants and donations for their own initiatives.

It would be easy for Chafetz to enroll in graduate school or get a paying job, as many social entrepreneurs do. But he has chosen a less-predictable option. "This is my reality, that I could do something about this, now," Chafetz said.

Every generation has its altruists. But many Millennials, born in the late 1970s or early '80s, are displaying a notable urgency to make social change.

UCLA's national poll of college freshmen has found that Millennials are starting in some ways to resemble baby boomers in their level of interest in helping others during their young adult years. For instance, about 70 percent of incoming freshmen in 2007 said it's "essential or very important" to help others in difficulty, the highest that figure has been in 36 years.

In recent years, more than 30 business schools have launched social entrepreneurship programs. The number of law schools that



set up enterprises, not to pad their pockets, but to transform what is broken in our societies."

support pro bono programs or require students to work in them rose to 145 this year, from 100 in 2001, according to an American Bar Association survey.

Pamela Hartigan, co-author of the new book "The Power of Unreasonable People: How Social Entrepreneurs Create Markets That Change the World," said today's young idealists differ from their predecessors.

"Young people today ... believe that change is going to be brought about by business and market discipline," Hartigan said. "And so they seek to set up enterprises, not to pad their pockets, but to transform what is broken in our societies." She added that some get restless: "They are very impatient about not having a job that's meaningless."

Andrea Chafetz, a designer whose hair accessories are sold at Neiman Marcus, and Marc Chafetz, a lawyer who once helped lead a venture capital firm, have allowed their son since college graduation in 2006 to live at their Chevy Chase home and work on love.fútbol, which was incorporated







G00000AL! Drew Chafetz works full time for love.futbola nonprofit he founded that builds soccer fields for children in Guatemala. He doesn't yet earn a living off his project, which has built three fields since its inception, but hopes that will change.

two years ago. Chafetz hatched the idea in Morocco, on vacation during college, where he saw children kicking a soccer ball in a dangerous alley. After graduation, he and a friend named Alfredo Axtmayer launched the project in Guatemala, where they had a well-connected friend. So far, love.fútbol has helped build three fields, at a cost of \$5,000 each in raw materials, in three rural communities. Chafetz and his team provide guidance and seed money, but each town volunteers labor to construct the fields. He hopes the model can be replicated in Latin America, the Caribbean and Africa.

The venture has been supported largely by friends and members of District Sports, a recreational adult sports league; grants from organizations such as the J. Willard and

Millennials are displaying a notable urgency to make social change.

Alice S. Marriott Foundation; and fundraisers at bars in Washington, Boston and New York.

Chafetz hopes to earn a living someday off his passion, but waiting for that moment is not easy, especially as a single man in his 20s living at home while many friends are raking it in. "I have friends making \$250,000," Chafetz said. "With time, you don't identify with them anymore."

Now, Chafetz and his staff of 15

(mostly young professionals and college students, most of whom work for free) are looking for the next recipient communities.

So he is busy, working in the living room, or at an Adams Morgan coffeehouse, strategizing with others on staff. Some days, Harvard Business School students consult him on ideas such as how to partner with Nike or Adidas.

Recently, Chafetz put on his headset, dialed up his Skype to a contact in the Guatemalan government and started asking in rough Spanish about potential field locations and what the official thinks about the situation for children there. "¿Cómo es Atitlán? ¿Santiago? ¿Qué piensas exactamente de la situación con los niños?"



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- → WHAT HE DOES: Crouch oversees the instructors and supervises jumps from one of his two planes. In the off-season (November to March), Crouch works as the director for safety and training for the United States Parachute Association. He also develops skydiving training courses that are used nationwide.

→ WOULD YOU WANT THIS JOB?

Crouch sees his career choice as a way of expressing his passion while also being able to travel and make money doing what he loves. "People get to make money [while enjoying] their hobby," Crouch explains. "The pay when they are working is good. With this job, you can chase the sun."

→ HOW YOU CAN GET THIS JOB: The certification course needed to become an entry-level skydiving instructor requires the completion of at least 100 jumps and passing an exam with written and practical components. And then you have to receive approval from a chief instructor. Crouch warns this can be expensive and time-consuming, costing thousands of dollars and taking years to complete. Before becoming an instructor, Crouch worked with computers, but fell into skydiving when he accompanied one of his friends on a jump. "I guess like a lot of people [becoming an instructor] was something that I thought about doing in the back of my mind," he recalls. "I went back the next week, and kept jumping after that." TAMAR HALLERMAN

Social Security

Not much of a people person? No problem, says a fellow shy girl



MEGHAN WIER USED

to hide in a corner or pretend to be intrigued by a piece of art during networking events. But the

self-proclaimed introvert, a blogger and web consultant from Fort Mill, S.C., learned that to get ahead, she had to find a way make her natural tendencies work for, not against, her. She spills her secrets in "Confessions of an Introvert: The Shy Girl's Guide to Career, Networking and Getting the Most Out of Life" (SOURCEBOOKS; \$16.95). It's good advice about self-promotion for folks who sometimes just want to be left alone.

What's the difference between being shy and being an introvert?

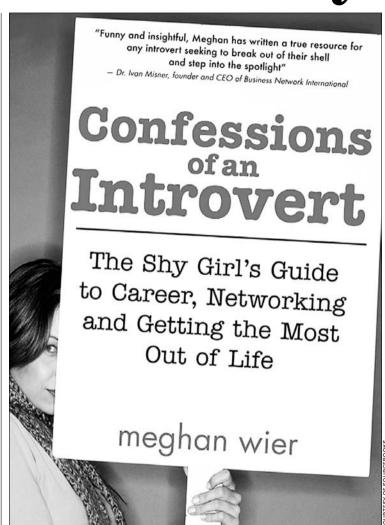
An introvert will have energy drawn out of them by social situations, whereas an extrovert gains energy from these same kinds of interactions. A shy person doesn't want to have those interactions [at all]. You can get over being shy, but you don't ever really get over being an introvert.

What are the challenges of being an introvert in business?

A lot of emphasis is put on how you interact with other people in your office. The last thing an introvert wants to do is be social every day after work. So they may be perceived as not being friendly or open. They also might miss out on opportunities that move a business forward. We can all do a good job, but how we're perceived and liked makes a big difference.

Why is self-promotion important, especially for introverts?

Extroverts naturally have the ability to talk about how great they are, whereas introverts don't like to draw



that kind of attention to themselves. The idea of saying "I did a good job on that project" is kind of foreign to them. To be noticed, you need to raise your hand and say, "Did you see what a good job I did?"

Can introverts succeed in any career?

I think introverts can find success in anything that they have a passion for. If you have passion for sales, do sales, just do it differently than an extroverted person would. There are public speakers who are introverted, but they've learned how to ... balance their needs as an introvert, which might be spending time by themselves before a big event or after so they can refresh.

Networking tips for introverts?

Set up small group meetings or one-on-ones with people you want to network with. Find those people who you think are valuable and have coffee with them. If you do go into a larger networking event, find a buddy, somebody you can go with who's maybe more outgoing and extroverted. That way, the fear of being the only one standing in a room by yourself is gone.

Why do you want to share what you've experienced with others?

It wasn't so much that I didn't want to network and get to know people and build a social circle or have more friends. I wanted all those things, I just didn't want to do it in a crowded bar. Once I realized I didn't have to spend every night going to these networking events and that I could take that time and get to know a few people better, I was more successful knowing a few people better than I was knowing a lot of people not very well.



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